

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 22, 2011, at 6 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, and Bob Weese. Tom Schaefer was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:02 P.M.

It was reported that the new street signs, posts, and nuts and bolts have arrived, and the city's street employee is working on getting some of these installed before the ground freezes. Discussed possibly getting the city's street employee some help to install these signs.

Discussed a request from Hy-Tech Specialized Services that payment be made for the remaining balance of the contract for the removal of the building at 387 Oak Street. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to pay Hy-Tech Specialized Services \$12,192.50 of the remaining contract bid balance and withhold the final \$1,000 of the contract bid until they have removed all of their equipment from the property and the project has been finalized and approved by the council. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mayor Higgins reported that she has contacted Max Faul about checking the furnace, electrical system, and plumbing system at the city's property at 120 West First Street, and he has agreed to do this. After he has done this, repair work on the interior of the building will begin.

Discussed recognition signs. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a water leak in a water main, and it has been repaired.

Mayor Higgins read a letter stating that beginning January 1, 2012, landfills will no longer be accepting electronic items. There will be a few places in the area where these types of items can still be taken. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that Brad Lanier from Klingner & Associates approved the pay request #4 from K & N Excavating for the water main replacement project that the council approved at the December 8, 2011, meeting and that the payment has been sent.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to enter executive session to discuss ongoing litigation. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:37 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:39 p.m.

It was reported that the city's employee has been working on getting stuck water meters replaced.

Discussed a request for a donation from the Illinois FFA Foundation. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed a letter from Computing Made Easy offering a block of 10 hours of computer maintenance and support service for \$55 per hour. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to purchase the 10 hour block of computer maintenance and support service from Computing Made Easy for \$550 with the stipulation that there is not a time limit as to when the hours have to be used by. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to adjourn the meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk