

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on January 12, 2012, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen and Rodney Clark.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to accept the minutes of the December 22, 2011, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pay bills. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Harold Northup arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Discussed the city's building at 120 West First Street. The flooring has been installed. The portion of the building that is going to be used by the police department is nearly complete, and they should be able to move their offices into the building in the next couple of weeks. The work on the rest of the building will be completed after the police get moved in. Mayor Higgins and the City Council would like to "THANK" the individuals who have helped in any way with the work being done on this building.

Discussed the bills for the materials, labor, etc. for the repairs being done on the city's building at 120 West First Street. A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to authorize the city clerk to pay the bills for the repairs on the city's building at 120 West First Street. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed a request from the Illinois FFA Foundation for a donation. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to donate \$125 to the Illini West High School FFA organization. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that there had been two water leaks recently that had to be fixed. He feels that there is a good chance that there is still another water leak somewhere in town that the city employees can not find based on the city's increased water usage. He is working on getting a quote for radio read water meters to replace the current analog water meters. He also reported that he had to pull the pump in the lift station on East First Street by the pond.

Discussed property at 387 Oak Street. The contractor has not contacted the city about final payment, and they still have not removed their last piece of equipment.

The city attorney reported that he called the Illinois Department of Transportation again regarding highway signs at the wetlands area along Highway 9 & 96, but no one has returned his call yet.

Discussed property at 36 West Fifth Street. The city attorney reported that the case against the property owner has been continued by the judge.

Discussed the water service at 245 West Fourth Street. The city attorney advised the council that since there is only one curb stand that provides water service to both apartments and both water bills are in the property owners name, water service can be shut off at the curb stand if either water bill is not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The property owner has received notice of this.

Discussed the street signs that the city's employee is working on replacing.

Discussed purchasing a new computer, printer, and fax machine for the new police station. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to authorize the city clerk to order a new computer, printer, and fax machine from Computing Made Easy. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed delinquent water bills.

Discussed payment to the Dallas City Senior Citizens for the rental of their building for the city council meetings and other required city meetings. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pay the Dallas City Senior Citizens \$750 for the rental of their building for meetings in 2012. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed city funds that currently are deposited with the Illinois Funds.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk