

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on February 23, 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.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed having the city's name painted on the doors of the new city truck and getting a sign for the new police station/city hall. Mayor Higgins has contacted two businesses, and they are working on getting the city an estimate for both jobs.

Joel Moske from Hy-Tech Specialized Services has spoken to Mayor Higgins. They are to be sending the city lien waivers. Final payment will be made to Hy-Tech as soon as these lien waivers are received. It was also reported that Hy-Tech has removed their final piece of equipment from the job site.

Discussed the work being done at the new police station/city hall building. Bob Durand is working on construction repairs. Homestead Lumber has made an estimate for five new windows with Low E of \$892.23. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to purchase the five new windows with Low E from Homestead Lumber for \$892.23. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that the printer for the new computer at the police station has arrived. A modem is needed for the new computer and has been ordered. A second phone line is going to be installed for a fax line. As soon as all the new lines have been hooked up and the internet service is operating, the lines at the old police station will be removed.

Chris Classen reported that he has done a loss percentage of water using the gallons of water we have purchased from the Dallas Rural Water District and the gallons of water the city has billed their customers for. It appears that there is a severe water leak, or leaks, in town. He has been cutting the brush behind the sewer plant and is planning on burning it when the ground is more solid. He also reported that he has had to order a part kit so that he can re-build the pump for the lift station on East First Street by the pond. The cost of the part kit is \$379.

Discussed new water meters. It appears that any meters that have been replaced in the past five years will only need to have a new head installed on them, instead of having the entire meter replaced again. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to authorize Chris Classen to order the starter package, 40 new heads, and 40 new meters to begin the process of switching from analog water meters to radio read water meters. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The city has received an estimate from Tenderfoot Carpets for linoleum and installation at the new police station/city hall. The estimate to do the back hallway, the two back rooms, the utility room, and the bathroom is \$3521.15. The estimate to do the front big room is \$1531.03. Terms of the estimate include a 50% down payment with the remaining balance due upon completion of the installation. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to accept both estimates from Tenderfoot Carpets for linoleum and installation for \$5052.18, with a \$2526.09 down payment and the balance being paid upon the completion of the installation. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the proposed franchise agreement the city has received from Mediacom. It was decided to forward a copy of this proposed franchise agreement to the city attorney for him to look over, and discuss it more at the next meeting that he is at.

Discussed getting bids for the mowing of the city cemetery. Bids will be opened at the March 22, 2012, meeting.

Discussed the bill to BNSF for the leasing of ground for the city's sewer line to the sewer lagoon that was not approved for payment at the last meeting. Mayor Higgins has discussed this bill and the city's complaints with the railroad with someone in BNSF's offices, and this person has informed Mayor Higgins that she is going to look into these problems. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to pay the BNSF bill for the leasing of the ground for the sewer line to the sewer lagoon. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed grants that are available for transportation projects. Commissioner Weese is going to check to see if the driveway at the wetlands area would qualify for such a grant.

Discussed a letter from a water customer concerning his water service being shut off for non-payment. This letter will be forwarded to the city attorney to get his opinion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk