

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 8, 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 Esther Viles of Mediacom, Rodney Clark, Bob Durand, and Joshua Smith.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Harold Northup arrived at 6:02 p.m.

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

Esther Viles discussed the franchise agreement between the City and Mediacom. The council expressed some various concerns that they have been made known of by the residents of Dallas City who are Mediacom customers. She is going to check into these concerns and get back to the council. No decision was made on the renewing of the franchise agreement with Mediacom. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Bob Durand reported on the repairs that he has done on the police station/city hall building. The office for the police department has been completed and the bathroom has been made handicapped accessible. The new windows have been ordered. He is estimating the costs for the remaining repairs and labor that needs to be done at between \$1500-\$1700.

Discussed design options from Outlaw Tee's and Wade Harman for painting on the doors of the new city truck and signs for the city. The consensus of the council was to have Outlaw Tee's do the design. Mayor Higgins will contact Outlaw Tee's to make a few changes to their design and get a quote.

Discussed final payment to Hy-Tech Specialized Services for the demolition of the building at 387 Oak Street. They have sent the city the required lien waivers. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pay Hy-Tech Specialized Services the remaining contract balance of \$1000 for the demolition of the building at 387 Oak Street and \$5000 for the required asbestos removal from the building. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to give the city attorney authorization to proceed with the foreclosing on the city's lien on the property at 387 Oak Street. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Joshua Smith reported that the camera system in the city police car is not operating correctly and appears to need to be replaced. He also reported that some of the police department's other equipment may need to have some repairs done. The radio in the police car has been narrow banded as required by federal law.

Discussed water customer that had his water service shut off due to non-payment of his bill. The City Attorney advised the council that this situation was handled correctly because the Illinois Commerce Commission Act does not apply to a public utility that is owned by a municipal corporation, like the City of Dallas City.

Discussed property at 36 West Fifth Street. The city attorney advised the council that there is a court date regarding this property next week.

Discussed the contract with the Village of Lomax regarding police protection and renewing the contract. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk