

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on March 22, 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 Molly McDowell.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Molly McDowell appeared on behalf of the Dallas City PTO. They are holding their annual Penny Carnival fundraiser on April 13, 2012, and Mrs. McDowell asked the council to consider making a donation to help offset their costs of this fundraiser. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to donate \$350 to the Dallas City PTO for their annual Penny Carnival fundraiser. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the franchise agreement with Mediacom. Esther Viles, the Mediacom representative that attended the last meeting, has not gotten back with Mayor Higgins about the various concerns that have been expressed by the residents of Dallas City who are Mediacom customers.

Discussed the three "Welcome" signs, a sign for the new police station/city hall, and emblems for the new city truck.

Mayor Higgins reported that repairs at the new police station/city hall are progressing as planned and that the interior painting is going to be done next week. The new windows have not arrived yet.

Police Chief Hilliard has reported that there is an individual who needs to perform some community service work, and he is planning on having the individual mow the grass at the new police station/city hall.

Discussed the vacant lot at 387 Oak Street. It was decided to sow grass seed on this lot.

The council reviewed Chris Classen's report showing the repairs and maintenance work that he has done the last two weeks.

Discussed the contract with the Village of Lomax concerning the city's providing of police protection to the Village of Lomax. Discussed possibly raising the monthly rate due to increased costs. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to extend the police contract with the Village of Lomax for one month, until April 30, 2012, at the current rate of \$2300 per month, while negotiations continue for a new agreement. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the barber shop pole that was with the building at 387 Oak Street.

The camera system in the city police car is being looked at to see if it can be repaired instead of being replaced.

Discussed having the city police car detailed.

Commissioner Weese reported that it was not going to be feasible to apply for an IDOT grant for the driveway at the wetlands area.

Discussed spring city clean-up days. Mayor Higgins will contact Jackson Disposal to see what dates they have available for supplying dumpsters.

Discussed properties in town that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. Mayor Higgins read a letter from a resident complaining about two such properties in town.

The city attorney has advised Mayor Higgins that the court case against the property owner at 36 West Fifth Street has been extended.

Opened bids for the mowing of the city cemetery. The following bids were received:

Larry Henson \$1800 per month. Would mow twice a month. Does not include fuel, oil, etc.

Charles J. Huss \$450 per mowing

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the bid of Charles J. Huss for \$450 per mowing. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed purchasing a color printer for the city clerk's office. The following quotes have been received:

Computing Made Easy \$449.00

Staples \$374.99

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to purchase a color printer from Staples for \$374.99. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed bill from Bob Durand for repair work at the new police station/city hall.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk