

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

Others attending the meeting were Rod Clark and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup and Schaefer ABSENT.

Harold Northup arrived at 6:02 p.m.

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

Mayor Higgins reported that she has not gotten answers from the Mediacom representative in regards to all of the questions the council asked her at the March 8, 2012, meeting. It was decided to notify Mediacom that the city would be willing to sign a ten year franchise agreement if Mediacom will provide the city with high speed internet service at the police station/city hall building.

Discussed the design for new city signs. Outlaw Tee's has changed the original design to meet the council's recommendations. Also discussed signs for the police station/city hall building and decals for the new city truck. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase three new "Welcome" signs and decals for the new city truck from Outlaw Tee's. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins reported on the work being done on the police station/city hall building. The new windows have been installed and work is progressing well.

It was reported that the lot at 387 Oak Street has been seeded. The city attorney reported that he has started the legal proceedings for the foreclosure on the city's lien on this property.

Discussed spring city clean-up days. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to have spring clean-up days on June 7, 8, 9, and 10. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT. Dumpsters will be located at the old stockyards off of Sycamore Street next to the railroad tracks. Tom Maynard will be contacted to see if he would be willing to collect things like appliances again this year.

Discussed police contract extension with the Village of Lomax. It was decided to increase the monthly fee by 5% to help offset the increased fuel cost. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to offer the Village of Lomax a new 12 month contract effective May 1, 2012, at the rate of \$2415 per month with rates for overtime and mileage remaining unchanged. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

The city attorney reported that he has not heard back from the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning the putting up of signs at the wetland area. He advised the council to go ahead and put up the signs.

The council asked the city attorney to draw up a proclamation to honor the City of Carthage's 175th birthday. He will do this so that the council can act on it at the next meeting.

The city attorney reported that the hearing for the property at 80 West Fifth Street has been set for June 14, 2012. Discussed having the property owner capping off the water and sewer lines to this property.

Discussed properties in town that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. The city police has been informed to start issuing citations to these violators.

The city attorney is working on getting the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget drawn up.

Chris Classen reported the seeding has been done at the wetland area and the ditch at the sewer plant. He had no repairs to report on water or sewer lines and lift stations. He has been mowing and the John Deere tractor has a leak that he is going to repair. He reported that he is going to be draining the water tank in the new future and having it inspected.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to pay Bergman Farm Supply \$87.50 for the seed that was used at the wetland area and ditch at the sewer plant, and to reimburse Chris Classen \$9.96 for a repair valve he purchased for the control line on Creamery Hill. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins read a letter she received from a Dallas City resident, Jessica Cramberg, concerning the tree limbs and messes along the state highways that the Illinois Department of Transportation crews left behind when they were in town approximately 6 to 8 weeks ago trimming trees.

Discussed the city's accounts that we have with The Illinois Funds. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

No bids were received for the 1990 GMC dump truck. It was decided to run an ad again and open bids at the May 10, 2012, meeting.

It was reported that K & N Excavating has been in town and seeded the areas where the new water lines were installed last fall.

Discussed the ditch on the south side of West Fourth Street, west of Sycamore Street, that needs to be cleaned out so that water can drain.

Discussed possibly having an additional street light installed along East Second Street near Ralph Faul's property. AmerenIllinois will be contacted to see if this would be possible, and if so, how much it would cost.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk