

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on April 26, 2012, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Harold Northup, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Esther Newberry was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chuck O'Donnell, C.J. Kentch, David Covert, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2012, meeting. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

C.J. Kentch appeared regarding water service to 613 West First Street. This was discussed a few years ago, but no agreement between all of the property owners was reached at that time. The city attorney will be contacted to see if anything can be done now, and this will be discussed more at the next meeting.

David Covert discussed the problem of vehicles violating the speed limit on First Street. Mayor Higgins will discuss this problem with the city police.

Mr. Covert also asked about putting gravel behind his house to make a gravel driveway. He was informed that there is no problem with this, but if he ever wants to build anything behind his house, he will need to fill out a floodplain development permit before he does so.

Mayor Higgins reported that she recently spoke to Esther Viles from Mediacom. Ms. Viles told the mayor that she needs a list of the residents who are having problems with their Mediacom service. Mayor Higgins also informed Ms. Viles that the city would be willing to agree to a ten year franchise agreement with Mediacom if they would agree to supply the city with internet service at the new police station/city hall.

Chuck O'Donnell spoke to the council regarding the supplier of electricity for the city's accounts. He recommends that the city select a supplier that offers a fixed rate. The city's current supplier, Glacial Energy, currently does not offer a fixed rate. The best fixed rates he has to offer are with EnergyMe.

Cost comparisons (prices are per kilowatt hour):

|                | <u>12 month</u> | <u>24 month</u> | <u>36 month</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Glacial Energy | .04608          | .04904          | .05346          |
| EnergyMe       | .0531           | .0543           | .0561           |

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to sign a 36 month contract with EnergyMe at the fixed rate of .0561 per kilowatt hour starting June 1, 2012. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that a 12" knife valve and 6" knife valve are going to be needed for the wetland area in order to run water from the lagoon to the wetland area. The approximate cost is \$1200 total for these two valves. The council gave Mr. Classen permission to order these valves. He also reported that the signs have been put up at the wetland area and the area has been mowed, except where seed was recently sowed.

Discussed work that the BNSF Railroad recently did in town. The city has billed them for the water that they had to purchase.

Outlaw Tee's has informed Mayor Higgins that the new "Welcome" signs should be done by the end of the week or the first of next week.

It was reported that the new police station/city hall has one room that still needs a coat of paint. There is also a leak in a water valve that is going to be fixed, and a front window needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to purchase a front window for the police station/city hall from Homestead Lumber. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

City spring clean-up days have been confirmed with Jackson Disposal for June 7, 8, 9, and 10. Tom Maynard has agreed to collect appliances and metal objects.

It was reported that the proposed police agreement with the Village of Lomax has been sent to them for their acceptance and signatures.

Discussed a proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control for the spraying of weeds and other vegetation control around city property. The proposed cost for around the cemetery, along Oak Street, Third Street, and around the bridges on First Street is \$341. The proposed cost for around the sewer lagoon is \$292. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to accept both proposals from Land & Water Vegetation Control for a total of \$633. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

The city police has contacted the property owner of 36 West Fifth Street and informed him that the water and sewer lines have to be capped off. They are also working on issuing citations to violators of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Discussed ditches and grates that need to be cleaned out and maintenance work that needs to be done on them.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to pass a motor fuel tax resolution for the maintenance of the city streets in the amount of \$100,000. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk