

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on May 10, 2012, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, and Bob Weese. Tom Schaefer was absent.

Others attending the meeting were C.J. Kentch, Chris Classen, and Rodney Clark.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:05 p.m.

C.J. Kentch discussed water service to 613 West First Street. She questioned how gas and electric service can be offered to this location but not water. The council informed her that their understanding is that since this is private property, they could get water service, but that the property owner would have to pay the expenses of doing it. The city attorney is going to do more research on this and get back to the council. She also requested that some kind of sign be put up to indicate that this part of West First Street is a private drive and not a city street. The city attorney advised the council that since this is a private drive, it is not the city's responsibility to put up such a sign and that the property owners would have to do it.

Mayor Higgins reported that Mediacom has agreed to provide internet service to the police station/city hall building if the city will agree to a 10 year franchise agreement. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Weese to sign a 10 year franchise agreement with Mediacom, beginning May 13, 2012, that includes internet service being provided at the police station/city hall building. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the renewal contract with the Village of Lomax concerning the providing of police protection to the Village of Lomax. The new contract has not been signed and returned by the Village of Lomax. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to extend the current police contract with the Village of Lomax for 1 month, until May 31, 2012. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

It was reported the flooring at the police station/city hall is scheduled to be installed next week.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a water break on West Fifth Street that has been repaired. He has ordered the valves for the wetland area. Two pumps in a lift station were plugged last week due to the heavy rain storms we received. The consumer confidence report and cross connection survey will be sent out to the city residents in the Hancock County Shopper in the near future.

Discussed the sewer line that runs behind the Dadant and Sons building on Oak Street. There is a creek behind this building that has been washing out the dirt over the years, and it is now coming close to exposing this sewer line. Chris Classen is going to check into this and see if he can find someone who has the equipment to take care of this problem.

Mayor Higgins read a Proclamation recognizing the City of Carthage's 175th Anniversary. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to approve this proclamation. Newberry, Northup,

Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mayor Higgins reported that the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District has informed her that they are not interested in signing an intergovernmental agreement at this time.

It was reported that K & N Excavating has finished the water main project that was started last fall. Discussed the final pay request, pay request #5, from K & N Excavating in the amount of \$12,189.08 for the water main replacement project. Brad Lanier of Klingner & Associates has reviewed this pay request and feels that there are no problems with this request. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to approve the payment of pay request #5 (Final Request) from K & N Excavating for the amount of \$12,189.08. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The city attorney advised the council that he has applied for tax exemption on the property at 120 West First Street, and he does not see any problems with this being approved. He is also working on tax exemption for the property on Oak Street that RJMP, LLC, deeded to the city last year. He also advised the council that the court date concerning the property at 387 Oak Street is scheduled for next week.

Discussed appropriations ordinance. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to pass, in tentative form, Ordinance #605, Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2012, to April 30, 2013, fiscal year. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to hold the public city budget hearing for the appropriations ordinance on June 28, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dallas City Senior Citizens Center. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to hold the city council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at 6:00 p.m. at the Dallas City Senior Citizens Center. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The property owner of 36 West Fifth Street has informed the city attorney that he has someone lined up to take care of the problems with this property.

Bids were opened for the 1990 GMC dump truck. The following bid was received:

K & N Excavating	\$1800.00
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A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the bid of K & N Excavating for \$1800.00. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

It was reported that the Kids Fishing Tournament in Dallas City will be held on June 16, 2012. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to donate \$350 to the Illinois Junior Fishing Association for the tournament in Dallas City. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk