

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

Others attending the meeting were Betty Watts-Rieke and Dale Clark.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Betty Watts-Rieke appeared regarding a water leak at her son's house at 93 East Third Street. The leak is between the city's curb stand and the water meter. Ms. Watts-Rieke was informed that since the leak is after the curb stand, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the leak.

Mayor Higgins reported that the police station/city hall building has been cleaned up and that the new signs have been put up. The Dallas Community School District has given the City, on a permanent loan, a picture of the city from 1899. This picture will be on display at the new city hall building.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Randy Gibb \$202.50 for washing the windows and hanging the banners and pictures at the new police station/city hall, Traci Lott \$25 for a 4 drawer file cabinet for the city hall, and Western Distributing Company of Macomb \$121.99 for 2 towel dispensers and towels for the police station/city hall. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mayor Higgins is going to try and have something on display for the city celebration acknowledging those who have helped with getting the police station/city hall building renovated.

The city council would like to commend Greg Ferrill and Chris Classen for all of their extra efforts that they have put in the past couple of weeks during the extremely hot weather.

Discussed amending Ordinance #265 regarding the gaming laws in the city and allowing the use of gaming machines by businesses in the city. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to pass Ordinance #607, Amending Ordinance #265 and regulating gambling in the city per the Video Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 40/1 et seq. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed a dead tree near the corner of West Third Street and Poplar Street that needs to be removed. It was decided to look into the situation to see if it is the city's or state's responsibility to remove this tree.

Discussed the alley between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. It was decided to have the city attorney write a letter to the utility companies that use this alley stating that their easement property will not be maintained by the city and that they are not allowed to exit this area via a property owner's property that is adjacent to this alley.

It was reported that the radiator in the police car went bad and had to be replaced. Discussed looking into purchasing a new police vehicle.

The Riverview Sportsmen of Dallas City has given the city a check for \$1164.91 for the reimbursement of the expense of the valves and supplies at the wetlands area.

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 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk