

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on August 9, 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 Chris Classen and Rod Clark.

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

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

Mayor Higgins read a "Thank You" letter from the Dallas City Kids Fishing Tournament committee for the city's donation to the event. They had 83 participants this year.

It was reported that a copy of Ordinance #607 that allows gambling machines in the city has been sent to the Illinois Gaming Board.

The Illinois Commercial Fishing Association is having a fish fry fundraiser at Hagy's on August 25, 2012. They have requested that the alley behind Hagy's and part of East Fourth Street be closed during this event. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Weese to block off the alley behind the Senior Citizens Center and Hagy's to the fire station and the north side of East Fourth Street from Oak Street to the fire station from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 25, 2012. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Harold Northup left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Chris Classen reported that he has cleaned the outflow boxes at the lagoon. There is a water leak on East Third Street by the old high school. A curb valve needs to be replaced. The parts have been ordered, and he hopes to get this repaired next week. The creek behind the Dadant & Sons building on Oak Street has been cleaned out, and he feels that this should stop the creek from washing out the dirt and exposing the sewer line for quite a while. Due to the extremely dry weather, the chemicals he sprayed the weeds with at the lagoon and wetland area have not worked very well, and he thinks he is going to have to spray the area again.

Discussed a dead tree near the corner of West Third Street and Poplar Street. IDOT officials have told the city's employees that it is the city's responsibility to remove this tree. However, it is the city's opinion that this tree is located on the State of Illinois' property and that they should have to remove it. The city attorney will write a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning this matter.

Discussed the alley between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. The city attorney is going to check on this matter.

Discussed the water bill of a customer that rents a property in town. It was decided that the customer is responsible for this bill.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry, to pass, in tentative form, Ordinance #608, for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2012, to April 30, 2013, fiscal year. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the ordinance pertaining to the requirement of hooking up to the city's water and sewer lines.

Discussed properties in town that have been in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to continue employing Ed Parker as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$12 per hour. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed stuck water meters.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk