

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on September 13, 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 Ron Jones, Rod Clark, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup and Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Ron Jones, co-owner of the campground in the west end of town, appeared requesting permission from the city to put a sign up just west of the boat docks that would point in the direction where the campground is and show whether or not it is open. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to give Mr. Jones permission to place his sign up on city property just west of the boat docks. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup and Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed removing a dead tree at the northwest corner of West Third Street and Poplar Street. Chris Akers Tree Service has given the city an estimate of \$2000 to do the job. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to accept the bid of Chris Akers Tree Service for \$2000 to remove the dead tree at the northwest corner of West Third Street and Poplar Street. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup and Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed fall clean-up days. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to have fall clean-up days on October 11-14, 2012. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup and Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed a final water bill.

Discussed a water customer that had a very high water bill due to a leak that was the customer's responsibility. The council is willing to work with the customer to try and set up a payment plan.

Chris Classen reported that he has ordered parts for the finish mower and the driveway sealer has been applied at the sewer lagoon. He also reported that there have been three water leaks in the last two weeks. One of the leaks was on the south side of West Third Street between Cherry Street and Spruce Street. Due to the fact that there have been so many problems with this water line in the last few years, he recommended that the council consider abandoning this old water line and running new lines from another water main to the three houses that would be affected. The council decided to have Chris work on getting bids for this project.

Discussed other possible water line replacement projects for the future.

The city attorney has checked on the alley between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. It has never been vacated and is still an alley. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Discussed property at 36 West Fifth Street.

W.L. Miller has indicated that they hope to have the remaining street work done in the next couple of weeks.

Discussed problems with the police car. It appears that the motor may need to be replaced. Melton's Automotive has been able to locate, and put on hold, a used motor with approximately 50,000 miles on it for \$2500. Discussed getting a new police vehicle and keeping the current one as a second vehicle.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to have Trick-Or-Treat on October 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Training for city employees involving the new radio read water meters is set up for October 16 & 17.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk