

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 8, 2012, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen, Ed Parker, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pay bills including the 2013 insurance premium to the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for \$28,638.87. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that the dead tree at 276 West Third Street has been removed. It was decided to contact Quinn Pence about removing the stump. The sidewalk in front of this property was damaged by the roots of the tree. It was decided to have the city employees tear out the damaged sidewalk and temporarily fill it in with rock and replace the concrete next spring.

Discussed making an ordinance that would make any tree that is planted in the future on state or city right-of-way property the responsibility of the person that plants the tree or the person that owns the property in which the tree is in front of. The city attorney will work on drawing up this ordinance.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a water main break on East Fifth Street last week. D & D Construction was hired to do the necessary backhoe work because it was on the weekend and the city employees were not available.

He also reported that lead copper notices will be going out next week. He is planning on putting dirt on the pipe at the wetland project to prevent it from freezing this winter. He is scheduled to meet with two contractors to get estimates on the water service lines to the houses on the south side of West Third Street between Cherry Street and Spruce Street that have been discussed at previous meetings.

Ed Parker asked the council if they would be willing to allow a college student that is studying law enforcement and is required to ride along with a police officer for educational purposes to ride along with him in the city's police car if the student would sign a waiver of liability form. The city attorney will check to see if there would be any legal problems if the city allowed this.

Discussed changing the date of the second city council meeting in November since the second Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to change the city council's second meeting in November from November 22, 2012, to November 29, 2012, at 6 p.m. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that a mirror on the police car is broke and will be replaced.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's audit for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for \$2800. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$966.12 for the 2% fire tax that the city received from the State of Illinois. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed a letter from The Entrepreneurial Support Network of West Central Illinois requesting that the city issue a proclamation supporting the National Entrepreneurship Week. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to have Mayor Higgins issue a proclamation in recognition of National Entrepreneurship Week 2013 from February 16-23, 2013. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk