

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on February 14, 2013, 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 Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burford, Chris Classen, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Discussed renewing membership with the Hancock County Economic Development Association. The cost is \$1.41 per resident and is based on the city's last census figure of 945 residents. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to renew membership with the Hancock County Economic Development Association at the cost of \$1332.45. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed a request from the Illini West High School After Prom Committee for a donation. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$300 to the Illini West High School After Prom Committee. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burford would like to put a portable shed behind their house at 336 East Third Street. Due to the size of the shed, it would have to be located partially into the alley between East Third Street and East Fourth Street. This alley is not used by vehicles but has never been vacated. The city council agreed to allow Mr. and Mrs. Burford to put their shed partially into the alley, but with the understanding that if this alley is ever needed and the shed's location prevents the use of the alley, they will have to re-locate the shed so that it is not in the alley.

It was reported that the police pickup needs a new steering column. It is under warranty and will be repaired by a local Dodge dealership's repair shop. The computer and printer for the police pickup is also in and ready to be installed.

Ed Parker has signed up for police schooling in April. The approximate cost of the schooling is \$1190. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to pay up to \$1200 for Ed Parker's police schooling. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that there have been a few minor leaks in water mains that have been repaired. He has done some repairs on the Sycamore Street lift station. There have been twelve million gallons of water discharged into the Wetland area.

Discussed making a donation to Connie Siemens for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The Celebration Committee has set the dates for the summer celebration. It will be held on July 26, 27, and 28.

Discussed the making of an ordinance regarding the planting and removing of trees on city property. City Attorney, Eric Icenogle, presented the council with two proposals for such an ordinance. The council will look at both proposals and discuss this more at the next meeting.

Discussed a storm siren and some other possible options.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk