

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on April 25, 2013, 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 Molly McDowell and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Molly McDowell appeared on behalf of the Dallas City PTO. They held their annual Penny Carnival fundraiser on April 19, 2013, and Mrs. McDowell asked the council to consider making a donation to help offset their costs of this fundraiser. A motion was made by Schaefer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to donate \$350 to the Dallas City PTO for their Penny Carnival fundraiser. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the East Fourth Street water main project. Mayor Higgins has signed the necessary paperwork, and it has been returned to Klingner & Associates. Work on this project is scheduled to begin no later than May 27, 2013. The contractor has estimated that the job will take approximately 15 working days, weather permitting, but the contract allows 60 days for the job to be completed.

Discussed a proposed agreement with Klingner & Associates for engineering services on the East Fourth Street water main project. The proposed agreement is for staking, inspection, and project record documents. The estimated cost is \$9000.00. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to approve the agreement with Klingner & Associates for the staking, inspection, and project record documents for the East Fourth Street water main project for an estimated cost of \$9000.00. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that he had to shut down the lift stations on First Street due to the current flooding. He is expecting to start them back up on April 26. He also bolted down the necessary manhole covers. He is working on filling out the necessary EPA reports that need to be done since the lift stations were shut down.

Mayor Higgins and the Council Members would like to “THANK” Chris Classen and Greg Ferrill for their extra efforts during the recent flooding. It is greatly appreciated.

Discussed getting some signs made to put on the barricades that are used to block off First Street where the street is closed due to high water. The signs will serve as a notification that anyone that goes beyond the barricades will be subject to a fine.

Mayor Higgins reported that June 20, 21, 22, and 23, have been confirmed with Jackson Disposal for Spring Clean-Up Days.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has evaluated the situation involving a deaf resident that lives along Highway 9 & 96, and they have put up signs along the highway in this neighborhood indicating that it is a “Deaf Person Area”.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:37 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to offer Edward Parker a full-time position as police officer. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed renewing the police contract with the Village of Lomax. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The cemetery fence that was damaged by a vehicle has been repaired by the city employees. It was decided to contact the parents of the individual that is responsible for the damage and see if community service work would be an acceptable method of payment for the damages.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk