

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on May 9, 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 Eric Icenogle, Chris Classen, and Ed Parker.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to hold the city council meetings during the 2013-2014 fiscal year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the city hall. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that all of the lift stations have been started back up and everything is operating normally. He is working on getting a letter written to the EPA explaining the situation and the reason for shutting down the lift stations. He is getting an estimate for the cost to raise the lift stations so that they will not have to be shut down during times of high water.

Tom Maynard has agreed to have his trailer at Clean-Up Days to collect metal items, appliances, etc.

The city council has not received an answer from Ed Parker regarding the full-time police officer position that they have offered him.

Discussed renewing the contract with the Village of Lomax for providing them with police protection. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to offer the Village of Lomax a one year renewal contract to provide them with 14 hours of police protection per week for \$2500 per month. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mayor Higgins has spoken to the parents of the individual that damaged the fence at the cemetery with his car. The city has offered to allow the individual to pay for the damages by doing some community work. The council is waiting for the parents to get back with Mayor Higgins with an answer.

The city attorney has checked into the property where a sidewalk that needs to be replaced is located. The sidewalk is located on property owned by the State of Illinois. The city attorney will check with the Illinois Department of Transportation to see if they will fix this sidewalk, and if they will not, if they will give the city permission to do it.

The city has received notice from the Hancock County Clerk that there are delinquent taxes due on the property that the city purchased at 120 West First Street in August 2011. This was overlooked when the property was purchased. The city attorney is going to check on this.

Discussed properties in town that need to be mowed and cleaned up.

Discussed sending a letter to residents regarding the GroupCast communication system to help explain its purpose and for the signing up of the service.

Ed Parker reported that he is having trouble with his radio when he is working in Lomax. The council gave Mr. Parker permission to get his radio fixed so that it will work better when he is working in Lomax.

It was reported that the John Shoemate Memorial Kids Fishing Tournament will be held in Dallas City on June 8, 2013. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to donate \$300 to the John Shoemate Memorial Kids Fishing Tournament. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk