

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 13, 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 Steve Roberts.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Steve Roberts appeared regarding a property in town that he feels needs to be cleaned up. He informed the council that he is planning on pursuing this problem further by going thru different channels in the State of Illinois. He also expressed his displeasure with the city's police department regarding motorists speeding in the east end of town.

Discussed appropriations ordinance. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to pass, in tentative form, Ordinance #611, Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2013, to April 30, 2014, fiscal year. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to pass Ordinance #612, Ordinance to Adopt Prevailing Wages for 2013. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins read a letter from the Dallas City Boy Scout Troop #51 requesting a donation to help send their members to Boy Scout Camp that can not afford it. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$500 to the Dallas City Boy Scout Troop #51. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup ABSTAIN. Schaefer ABSENT.

It was reported that the water valve was replaced on the water main at the intersection of Oak Street and Third Street.

Discussed purchasing a new "0" turn riding lawn mower. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase a new "0" turn riding lawn mower from Melton's Auto for \$8499. This price includes a municipality discount. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed purchasing a trailer to haul the new lawn mower. Prices will be obtained and this will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that K & N Excavating is going to try to be in town on June 17 to start the East Fourth Street water main project.

Discussed a bid from Central Tank Coatings, Inc., for the cleaning and inspection of the city water tower. The total bid price is \$1900 and includes cleaning out any mud and debris by water-jet and the inspection of the water tower. The work will be done in 2014. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to hire Central Tank Coatings, Inc., to clean and inspect the city water tower in 2014 for \$1900. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

The meeting entered executive session at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:05 p.m.

Discussed the city's agreement with the Village of Lomax for the providing of police protection. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to amend the May 9, 2013, motion 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 and make the price \$2415 per month. The contract will be for May 1, 2013, to April 30, 2014. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

The city has received notice that the 2010 property taxes have not been paid for the property that the city purchased in August 2011 at 120 West First Street. The city attorney has advised the council that this was an oversight on someone's part and that he recommends the city pay these taxes. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to authorize the city attorney to pay the delinquent 2010 property taxes on the property at 120 West First Street. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed some erosion problems in the city cemetery. Mayor Higgins has spoken to some residents who are willing to donate their time and help the city employees work on this problem.

Discussed the fence on the west side of Hull's Park that had to be taken down when the building was torn down at 387 Oak Street.

Discussed West First Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. It appears that the recent high water has caused the dirt to wash out along West First Street. This will be looked at by the council and the city's street employee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk