

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 27, 2013, 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 Ed Parker, Ryan Thompson, Chris Classen, and Kevin and Sally Six.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Ryan Thompson appeared regarding an issue with his boat being parked on a sidewalk. Mr. Thompson was informed that this is an ordinance violation and that he needed to move his boat so that it was not on the sidewalk. Otherwise, he would be issued a ticket.

Chris Classen reported that K & N Excavating has not started work on the East Fourth Street water main project due to there being an illness in their family. They are hoping to begin work on the project next week. He also reported that he and the city's street employee are working on repairing some leaks in water lines around town. The new lawn mower has arrived and is being used. It appears to be working well. Discussed possibly purchasing a trailer to haul the mower around.

Commissioner Tom Schaefer reported that he has been negotiating with police officer Edward Parker to make him a full-time police officer for the city, and Mr. Parker has agreed to a salary of \$34,000. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Edward Parker as a full-time police officer at an annual salary of \$34,000, retroactive to May 1, 2013. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Ed Parker reported that he needs a new police vest and that Police Chief Dennis Hilliard has indicated that he would like one as well. He also reported that the police department needs a new breathalyzer. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to purchase a police vest for Police Chief Hilliard and one for Police Officer Parker and a new breathalyzer for the police department. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was also reported that Mr. Parker is looking into taking a training class on tasers and that he and Police Chief Hilliard both are planning to get certified for the use of pistols.

Commissioner Schaefer reported that the Village of Lomax has agreed to the terms of the contract that the council approved at the June 13, 2013, meeting for the supplying of police protection to the Village of Lomax. Copies of the contract will be sent to the Village of Lomax for them to sign and return to us.

Mayor Higgins reported that she felt that the City Clean-Up Days went very well and that some volunteers are planning to start working on the erosion problems in the city cemetery as soon as the weather cools down some.

The public city budget hearing for the appropriations ordinance will be held on July 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at city hall before the regular city council meeting.

The city attorney has checked on the repairing of the sidewalk that is located on property owned by the the State of Illinois. He has heard back from the Illinois Department of Transportation, and they do not have a problem with the city replacing the sidewalk. They also indicated that there would not be any permits needed to do this work.

Commissioner Weese reported on the Hancock County Economic Development's meeting that he recently attended.

Discussed properties in town that appear to be in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Kevin and Sally Six appeared regarding automobiles driving across private property when East First Street is closed due to high water. They also let the council know that they feel it is time to have East First Street oiled and chipped. The city will check to see if this can be added to the streets that are scheduled to be oiled and chipped this year.

The Motor Fuel Tax letting is scheduled to be held July 9, 2013, at 11 a.m. in the city clerk's office.

Ryan Thompson discussed possibly dredging around the landing area of the boat docks.

Discussed West First Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street. The street employee has temporarily filled some holes along the street. More work will be done after the high water has receded.

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 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk