

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on October 10, 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 Ann Thompson, Linda Rettig, William Scully, John Clark, Dennis Hilliard, Ed Parker, Chris Classen, and Eric Icenogle.

It was noted that the minutes of the September 26, 2013, meeting should have read that Drain Tainer was paid \$280 for troubleshooting work and not for repair work on the sewer line.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2013, meeting with the above correction. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup ABSTAIN. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Ann Thompson appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Fire Department. She requested permission for the Dallas City Fire Department to hang their banner on the fence on the bridge over the creek east of the fire station on October 12, 2013, for the fire department's Pancake Supper. The council gave the Fire Department their approval to do this.

Mrs. Thompson also informed the council that several people have indicated that they would like to buy one of the "Dallas City 150th Anniversary History Books" but that they have all been sold. She asked the council if they would be willing to purchase some more of these books to sell. The council decided that since this was originally a project of the Dallas City Celebration Committee, they should be contacted first to see if they would purchase the additional books to sell. Mayor Higgins will check with the Dallas City Celebration Committee to see if they will purchase more of these history books, and if they are not interested in doing so, the city council will then do it.

William Scully appeared regarding his property on Oak Street. He feels he has been slandered in public. He has also had property stolen. He has reported the stolen property to the police department, but he doesn't feel that anything has been done, and he does not feel that he has been treated fairly. Discussed the west end of Mr. Scully's property that has been treated as an alley for several years. Mr. Scully has blocked off his property so that it can not be used as an alley. The city attorney encouraged Mr. Scully to contact an attorney to discuss his issues.

Chris Classen reported that K & N Excavating is working on getting the streets and residential yards that have been affected by the East Fourth Street water main replacement project cleaned up. Discussed letting bids for the painting of the interior of the water tank. Mr. Classen will work on drawing up the specifications so that ads can be published.

Discussed the GroupCast communication system. Commissioner Northup will contact GroupCast to set up a time for training.

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

The meeting entered executive session at 6:52 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:57 p.m.

Discussed a property in town that is in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. The city attorney will send a letter to both the resident and the landlord informing them of the city clean-up days coming up and encourage them to take advantage of this so that the property will no longer be in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Discussed a problem with the BNSF Railroad having several of the railroad crossings in town closed at the same time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk