

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 14, 2013, at 6 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Higgins, Finance Commissioner Bob Weese called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese.

Others attending the meeting were Rich Howe, Chris Classen, Eric Icenogle, Dennis Hilliard, and Ed Parker.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

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

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 25, 2013, the premium for the 2014 calendar year is \$28,567.95. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 25, 2013. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Rich Howe appeared regarding the city's property on the north side of West First Street in front of the city hall/police station. He is interested in purchasing this ground from the city if they would be willing to sell it. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to rescind an earlier motion to accept the bid from Central Tank Coatings, Inc., to clean and paint the exterior of the water tank. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to sign a contract with Central Tank Coatings, Inc., to clean, prime, and paint the exterior of the water tank for \$19,950. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to sign a contract with Central Tank Coatings, Inc., to sandblast and paint, with two coats of paint, the interior of the water tank for \$19,950. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that he has winterized the shed behind the old water plant. He is going to contact K & N Excavating about getting some rock spread over the area where they recently installed the new water line along East Fourth Street. He also reported that he has been having some problems with the small generator. He has checked with Melton's Auto, and they will upgrade us with a new generator and take the old one in on trade for \$300.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to purchase the new generator from Melton's Auto for \$300 and the city's old generator. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed making donations to various local charities for the upcoming holiday season.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to donate \$200 to Connie Siemens for Christmas with Santa. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Fire Department for Christmas candy. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for their "Project Santa". Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$225 to the Dallas City Lions Club for the Toys For Tots program. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Schaefer to donate \$600 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the 5K run that is being held November 16, 2013, for the Jerry McGaw Benefit. The city employees will put up barricades along East First Street.

Discussed the GroupCast communication system. Commissioner Northup will contact GroupCast and let them know we are ready to proceed as planned.

Dennis Hilliard reported that he had an accident with the police car. There was no damage to the city's police car, but approximately \$300 damage to another vehicle. He also reported that he is waiting on the paperwork to get reimbursed for Ed Parker's training. He will fill it out and send it back in as soon as he receives it.

It was reported that the Brush Guard for the new police pickup came in, but it had to be sent back because the company sent the wrong one. The correct one should be arriving soon.

Discussed reimbursing police officers for time and mileage during off-hours.

Discussed giving the police officers a raise. Police Chief Hilliard feels that all the police officers, except himself, should be given a raise. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed getting a new printer for the police department. Police officer Ed Parker will check on prices of the type of printer that the police department needs.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's audit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year for \$2800. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$2163.50 for the 2% Fire Tax that the city received from the State of Illinois. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed switching the city's water software. The city has received a quote from Softline Data, Inc., for their UBMAX program. This program would be web based instead of a computer program. As a result of this, water customers would be able to look up their bills online and pay their bills online. There is a one time fee of \$812 and a yearly support fee of \$395. Softline Data, Inc., has agreed to waive the yearly support fee until October 2015. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the quote from Softline Data, Inc. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed a possible grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The

city clerk will fill out the necessary paperwork and send it back to the State of Illinois.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk