

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 26, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup.

Others present were Charles Harper, Carl Thompson, Rod Clark, and Chris Classen.

Mayor Higgins asked if there were any objections from the members of the public in attendance to the proposed appropriations ordinance. Being none, a motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Gold to approve Ordinance #578 making appropriations for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

It was noted that Newberry, not Northup, made the motion to purchase sand for filling sand bags and reimbursing residents who already had purchased sand.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008, meeting, with the above correction. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Charles Harper appeared regarding Chuck Leake's request at the last meeting to have East Fifth Street east of Maple Street vacated. He informed the council that while Mr. Leake did have the consent of all the property owners on the north side of East Fifth Street that would be affected by this, he is a property owner on the south side of East Fifth Street that would be affected. He also informed the council that due to some current legal issues, he is not in favor of the closing of this street at this time. The council agreed not to proceed with the closing of East Fifth Street east of Maple Street until such legal issues are resolved.

Events of the recent flood were discussed. Anyone needing assistance with flood recovery issues can call FEMA at 800-621-3362 or the Illinois Recovery Assistance Hotline at 866-848-2067.

Any resident of Dallas City that owns property located in a floodplain and that was damaged by the flood must have a damage assessment conducted by the City of Dallas City. Before occupying the property or doing any repair work to the property, the property owner must contact the City of Dallas City building permit department at 217-852-3217 to schedule an inspection.

Mayor Higgins and the City Council would like to "THANK" everyone who has helped, in any way, during the recent flooding.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Ellison to approve partial payment to Scanlan and Sparrow Trucking for the sand and trucking that was used for flood purposes. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins has been contacted by Paul Lohmann, Village President of Beecher, Illinois, and informed that the Village of Beecher would like to adopt the City of Dallas City to help the city in its flood recovery efforts. They are looking at having some fundraisers to help raise funds to donate to the city to help offset the cost of the flood recovery.

Chris Classen reported that all the lift stations should be operating again by the end of the week. The old sewer plant did get water in it and some bearings will be need to be replaced. The flood control structure did not hold during the flood. He is in the process of getting everything that was affected by the flood back in working order.

Discussed John Fisher's building on Oak Street that partially fell in on June 25. Mr. Fisher has informed Mayor Higgins that he is going to try and get this taken care of as soon as possible.

Discussed the carbon black situation. Clean-up is in process. Orange cleaner is available for residents. The EPA has filed a suit against the trucking company responsible for the carbon black spill.

Discussed a complaint on open burning. The resident will be contacted concerning this.

Discussed sand bag removal. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk