

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 27, 2014, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese.

Others attending the meeting were Connie Siemens, Shawn Lain, Dennis Hilliard, Chris Classen, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Connie Siemens requested that the council consider making a donation for the Easter Egg Hunt that is going to take place at the Dallas City Elementary School on April 19 at 10 a.m. for the local children. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to donate \$200 to Connie Siemens for the Easter Egg Hunt. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Bids were opened for the 2014 mowing of the city cemetery. The following bids were received:

Lain & Son of Oquawka \$424 per mowing or \$6900 for the year

Charles Huss of Gladstone \$450 per mowing

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept the bid of Charles Huss for \$450 per mowing. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed the pickup that the city has obtained from a forfeiture. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to authorize the city clerk to advertise the pickup for sale by sealed bid. Bids will be opened at the April 24, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Chris Classen reported that he is working on rebuilding a pump from the lift station that is located at the intersection of East First Street and East Second Street. When this is completed, he is going to do the same on the lift station by the pond on East First Street.

Discussed a resident's request that city residents who have swimming pools be allowed to fill them and not be charged for sewer on the water that is used to fill the pools. It was decided not to offer this option at this time due to the fact that there are other situations in which residents use water that does not go into the city sewer system but are charged for the sewer.

Discussed renewing the contract with the Village of Lomax to provide them with 14 hours of police protection per week. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to renew the contract with the Village of Lomax and raise the fee to \$2500 per month beginning May 1, 2014. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed having the city police officers checking on the businesses in town at night and placing a tag in their door to notify the business owners that their business was checked.

It was reported that the police car had to have new brakes installed in it.

Discussed the compensation of city employees. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to give all city employees a 3% raise effective May 1, 2014. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese

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The city attorney reported that he is working on drawing up an agreement between the City and the Dallas City Park District to transfer the lot at 387 Oak Street over to the park district. He also is working on drawing up a snow ordinance.

Discussed replacing the white pickup that is used by the street department. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk