

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on April 24, 2014, 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 Eric Icenogle, Dennis Hilliard, Chris Classen, and Sheryl Dennis.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd Northup to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Discussed Spring Clean-Up Days. Mayor Higgins reported that she has contacted Jackson Disposal, and the earliest dates that they can provide dumpsters is the second weekend in June. Therefore, Spring Clean-Up Days has been set for June 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Discussed the city computer in the city clerk's office that needs to be replaced due to it having Windows XP. Computing Made Easy has quoted a price of \$449 for a new computer. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to purchase a new computer from Computing Made Easy for \$449. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mayor Higgins opened the sealed bids that were received for the pickup that the city obtained from a forfeiture. The following bids were received:

Rick Smith	\$ 350.00
Michael DeHaven	\$1625.00
Stan Vorhies	\$ 925.00
Candi Dennis	\$ 463.08

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to sell the pickup, as is, and accept the bid of Michael DeHaven for \$1625. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

It was reported that the necessary work is being done to get Groupcast up and going. The council would like to "THANK" Craig and Sue Harms for helping input names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses into the computer. The system should be ready after a few tests have been run.

Chris Classen reported on the old water plant project. Benton & Associates should have more information for the council at the next meeting. The asbestos and lead testing should be done within two weeks and the results should then be back within a week after the tests have been done. He reported that he is trying to get things prepared in case of flooding.

A sewer line problem caused by tree roots on East Fourth Street between Linn Street and Maple Street has been addressed.

Discussed replacing the sewer line on East Fourth Street between Linn Street and Maple Street and the one on West First Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street.

K & N Excavating still has not installed valves on the water main project they did last fall.

It was reported that the city's daily water usage has decreased now that a water main on Spruce Street has been repaired.

The Consumer Confidence Report has been completed and is at the printers. The Cross Connection Survey has to be done this year. Both the report and the survey will be mailed out to the city's residents via the Hancock County Shopper.

Sheryl Dennis discussed a culvert that needs to be repaired and a mound of dirt along the alley by her house. The council will have the street employee look into these problems.

Discussed purchasing a new pickup for the streets department. The following bids have been received:

Carson Motors	\$16,900.00
Jim Baier Inc.	\$18,640.50
Shottenkirk Inc.	\$24,500.00

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to purchase a new pickup from Carson Motors for \$16,900. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed some properties that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Discussed fines that are collected from tickets that are written in Lomax by the Dallas City Police Department.

Police Chief Dennis Hilliard discussed the camara system in the police car that is not working. The council instructed Police Chief Hilliard to get an estimate for a new camara system for the police car.

Mayor Higgins recently met with representatives from Circle K regarding them having video gaming taking place in their store in Dallas City. In order for them to do this, they would have to be issued a Class A or Class A-1 liquor license by the city. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to agree to issue Circle K a Class A or Class A-1 liquor license if they would decide to start having video gaming in their Dallas City store. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The city attorney discussed the Dallas Rural Fire District using city water to fight a fire outside of the city limits. He is going to do some more research on this. He reported that the land transfer agreement for the property at 387 Oak Street between the City and the Dallas City Park District has been completed and sent to the Park District's attorney. He has drawn up a rough draft of an ordinance pertaining to the parking and operation of vehicles along emergency snow routes.

Mayor Higgins has contacted Senator John Sullivan's office regarding the city boat docks. Mayor Higgins and Commissioner Weese are meeting with Senator Sullivan on Monday morning to see if there are any funds available for this kind of project.

Discussed a tree that needs to be trimmed that may be on city property in front of the Catholic Church on West Fifth Street. This will be checked on to see whose property the tree is on and will be discussed

more at the next meeting.

Discussed having someone clean the city hall/police station.

Discussed a proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control for the spraying of weeds and other vegetation control around city property. The proposal cost for around the cemetery, along Oak Street, Third Street, and around the bridges on First Street is \$341. The proposed cost for around the sewer lagoon is \$325. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept both proposals from Land & Water Vegetation Control for a total of \$666. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk