

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 12, 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 Robert Berry, Jenny Herriman, Doug Erickson, Dennis Hilliard, and Chris Classen.

It was noted that the minutes of May 22, 2014, meeting should have read that Chris Classen will be paid \$250 per year for the use of his trailer and that the meeting with Consolidated Grain and Barge Company was in regards to re-routing West First Street and not closing it in front of the elevator.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the minutes, as corrected, of the May 22, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

Robert Berry appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Boy Scout Troop #51 to request a donation to help send their members to Boy Scout Camp that can not afford it. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$500 to the Dallas City Boy Scout Troop #51 to help send scouts to camp. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Jenny Herriman discussed a recent disturbance that occurred in the west end of town. She requested that the city police department continue surveillance of the area.

Doug Erickson of Benton & Associates discussed the tearing down of the old water plant and replacing it with a smaller building to house the water salesman. The estimate for engineering services to complete Task 2 – Construction Documents / Technical Specifications and Task 3 – Bidding Phase Services is \$7,000. He is estimating the cost of a smaller building to be \$60,000-\$80,000, and the estimate for the construction engineering is \$6,500. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to hire Benton & Associates to proceed with the engineering services for the completion of Task 2 and Task 3 for \$7,000. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to pay Benton & Associates \$3,400.50 for engineering services to complete Task 1 development of three conceptual layouts for the proposed maintenance building. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed two blocks of sewer line that need to be repaired or replaced. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to hire Benton & Associates to do the preliminary engineering work for the repairing/replacing of the two blocks of sewer line. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed compensating the city clerk for the operation and upkeep of the GroupCast system and the city website. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to pay the city clerk \$125 per month, as of May 1, 2014, as compensation for the operation and upkeep of the GroupCast system and the city website. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed purchasing cameras for the city police vehicles. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Schaefer to purchase two cameras from WatchGuard Video for \$9,614.00. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Dennis Hilliard reported that the cameras should be delivered and installed in the police vehicles in a week or two. He discussed possibly getting the police vehicles detailed on a regular basis. This will be discussed more at the next meeting. He also reported that there is a young man who wants to enter the police academy, but in order to do this, he must have a sponsor. Dennis inquired to see if the city would be willing to do this. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Chris Classen reported that he is waiting for the parts that he needs to raise a hydrant. He also reported that he is planning on replacing two valves next week. He has checked with Dallas Rural Water District about flushing hydrants. They have told him that they will not be able to supply the city with enough water for hydrant flushing right now.

It was reported that dues, in the amount of \$1,332.45, to the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation are due.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to pass Ordinance #615, Ordinance to Adopt Prevailing Wages for 2014. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The Motor Fuel Tax Letting was held June 12, 2014. W.L. Miller Company submitted the only bid for \$39,236.40 to do the proposed street work and \$90 per ton for bituminous material (patch). A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Weese to accept both bids of W.L. Miller Company. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

The new city truck for the streets department is in and ready to be picked up. Discussed putting the city logo on the truck, putting a spray on bed liner in the truck, and getting boxes for the truck.

Commissioner Weese is going to contact the elevator about getting more information regarding their plans with West First Street.

It was reported that Dave Greenig has indicated that he would be willing to sell his building just south of the city hall/police station. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that the stop sign at the corner of East Third Street and Elm Street needs to be repaired.

Discussed properties in town that are in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

It was reported that 78 kids participated in the recent annual fishing tournament in Dallas City.

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 7:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk