

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 9, 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 Dennis Hilliard and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup ABSTAIN. Schaefer ABSENT.

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

Discussed City Clean-Up Days. It appears that things went very well.

The city has been trying to contact Tom Edmonds about getting the recycling bin emptied. He has been having some health issues, but it appears that he has emptied part of the recycling bin.

Discussed the 1996 Dodge pickup. There were no bids received at the last meeting, but since then there have been some people who have shown interest in it. Those who have shown interest have been instructed to have a bid in by the next meeting. The council will then decide what to do with the pickup at the October 23, 2014, meeting.

Chris Classen reported that the sewer line between the old sewer plant and the low rent housing had a section collapse and had to be repaired immediately. He was able to get Laverdiere Construction to come in the same day and get the line repaired.

Discussed the bids for the raising of the two lift stations on East First Street. Max Faul's bid includes doing all of the wiring, and the other two bids do not include this. Max has also agreed to lower his bid \$1,500 to make it \$7,808.54. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Weese to accept Max Faul's bid to raise the two lift stations on East First Street and do the necessary wiring for \$7,808.54. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that Dennis Anderson has flushed hydrants, but that there were a few that he couldn't get opened. Chris is going to work on getting these flushed in the next few days.

Utilities to the old water plant have been shut off and the water salesman has been disconnected so that the demolition of the old water plant can be done.

Mayor Higgins read Ed Parker's written letter of resignation as a full-time police officer. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept Ed Parker's written resignation as full-time police officer. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Dennis Hilliard has interviewed a possible candidate for the full-time police officer position. He will do a background check and report to the council at the next meeting.

There appears to be a disruption in the telephone service at the city hall/police station. Frontier will be notified.

It was reported that the Bank of Stronghurst requires a motion establishing who has check signing

authority for the city in order to start the city's checking accounts with them. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to require both the Mayor, Ruth Higgins, and the City Clerk, Steven Vorhies, to sign checks for the General Funds and Water and Sewer Funds checking accounts, and to authorize the Finance Commissioner, Robert Weese, to sign in the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk, Stanley Vorhies, to sign in the absence of the City Clerk. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed the ditch along the west side of Walnut Street between West Third Street and the alley. The property owner adjacent to this ditch feels this ditch needs to be cleaned out. The property owner would also be interested in having the dirt in order to raise her backyard. Also, discussed two other ditches that need attention.

Dennis Hilliard asked for permission to get a seat cover for the police truck. The council authorized Police Chief Hilliard to get a seat cover for the police truck.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk