

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 13, 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 Doug Erickson, Eric Icenogle, and Dennis Hilliard.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the October 23, 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 the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 24, 2014, the premium for the 2015 calendar year is \$28,858.53. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 24, 2014. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Discussed making donations to various local charities for the upcoming holiday season.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$650 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Fire Department for Christmas candy. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for their "Project Santa". Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Doug Erickson reported on the water plant demolition project. The hole has been filled and concrete poured for the new water salesman building.

Mr. Erickson presented the council with K & N Excavating's Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$37,665. He recommended that this be paid. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to pay K & N Excavating \$37,665 for Pay Estimate #1 of the water plant demolition project. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mr. Erickson presented the council with a bill from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$6,775.39 for engineering services on the water plant demolition project. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Weese to pay Benton & Associates \$6,775.39 for their engineering services. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

It appears that the engineering fees on the water plant demolition project are going to exceed the estimated \$9,000. The council decided to have Benton & Associates continue their engineering services on this project even if it exceeds the \$9,000 estimate.

Mr. Erickson also reported that he is still working on the sewer line project, but he has nothing new to report on it at this time.

It was reported that the city's website has been fixed and is running again.

Chad Passley, C.P.A., has finished the 2013-2014 fiscal year audit. He has recommended that the city consider raising its water and sewer rates so that the city does not have to transfer as much money to the Water and Sewer account from the General Fund account. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Eric Icenogle discussed the new process he is using for doing ordinance violations. He also reported that he has not heard back from the owner of the old high school property in regards to the letter he sent to the property owner.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$2,080.00 for the 2% Fire Tax that the city has received from the State of Illinois. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed full-time police officer candidates.

Discussed properties that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

The council would like to “THANK” Fort Madison Bank & Trust for donating a table and chairs to the city for use in the city hall and Banks & Beals Funeral Home for donating a digital camera to the police department.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk