

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 17, 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 Dennis Hilliard and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2014, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Commissioner Schaefer expressed his opinion that the council should consider increasing the amount of the Christmas bonuses. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to give the city's full-time employees an additional \$30 Christmas bonus and part-time employees an additional \$15 Christmas bonus, and to pay the employee's share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Newberry NAY.

Chris Classen reported that he and Greg Ferrill have put up temporary braces to support the water salesman both inside and outside the new water salesman building. He also reported that he had to shut down the water salesman due to water running out of it.

It was reported that K & N Excavating still has not responded to the engineer regarding the completion of the new water salesman building project. The heater still has not been installed. The owner's of K & N Excavating have stated several times that they are going to be in town to work on the project, but they have not shown up. Liquidated damages are being applied for each day that the project is not completed. The engineer is working on finding out what the contractor's intent is.

Discussed the city's water and sewer rates. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #618 to raise the minimum water bill, for the first 1,000 gallons used, to \$10.00, and the rate for usage in excess of 1,000 gallons to \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer rate remains at 50% of the water rate plus a \$9.00 debt service charge. The new rates will go into effect with the January 2015 water bills. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Dennis Hilliard reported that he is working on nuisance ordinance violations. He also informed the council that he is going to be off part of the month of February for medical reasons, and he is working on getting a work schedule completed so that his man hours are covered by the part-time police officers.

It was reported that the city has received a FOIA request regarding the water salesman building project. The requested information has been sent to the requester.

Mayor Higgins and the council would like to "THANK" Greg Ferrill and Tom Schaefer for their recent maintenance work at the city cemetery.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk