

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on January 22, 2015, 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 Dan Steeples, Doug Erickson, Josh Mercer, Eric Icenogle, Chris Classen, and Dennis Hilliard.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2015, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Dan Steeples appeared on behalf of Richard Wright to request permission for the Circle C Tavern to be open on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2015. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to allow the Circle C Tavern to be open on February 1, 2015, from Noon to 10 p.m. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Doug Erickson discussed the sewer line problems that were discovered last fall when Hydro-Vision Technology inspected some of the sewer lines and other sewer lines that appear to be in need of repair. He recommended concentrating on the sewer lines between Maple Street and Sycamore Street at this time and having them inspected to find out which lines are in need of repair or replacement.

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Mercer discussed having Western Illinois Regional Council do an income survey of the residents in the area of town between Maple Street and Sycamore Street. This would be required in order for the city to possibly being able to receive a DCEO Grant for this project. If awarded a DCEO Grant, it would pay 75% of the cost with the maximum grant amount being \$450,000. They also discussed the options of obtaining funds from the USDA or Illinois EPA State Revolving Fund.

Mr. Erickson informed the council that which ever option they decide to use, the sewer lines would need to be inspected and the income survey done. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to have Benton & Associates proceed with getting bids for the inspection of the sewer lines between Maple Street and Sycamore Street and having Western Illinois Regional Council do the income surveys for the residents of this same area. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed a \$25,000 Motor Fuel Tax Grant that is available to the city and some possible options on how to use the grant funds.

Chris Classen reported on a recent water main break on West Third Street. Temporary repairs have been made, but a valve does need to be replaced. He also reported that there are some repairs that need to be done on some of the lift stations.

The council would like to “THANK” Chris Classen and Greg Ferrill for their extra efforts, on a Sunday, to repair the recent West Third Street water main break in such a timely manner.

Police Commissioner Tom Schaefer and Police Chief Dennis Hilliard recently met with the police officer candidate that the council gave their permission to work some during the month of February at the last meeting. Both were very impressed with the candidate.

Mayor Higgins and Commissioner Weese recently met with representatives of the CBG Group Elevator regarding CBG's plans on what they are interested in doing at the Dallas City elevator and how these plans would affect West First Street. Both the city council and CBG Group would like to have a public meeting sometime in February to discuss CBG's plans and to see how the residents of Dallas City feel about this. Mayor Higgins will contact the CBG Group about a possible date and location for this public meeting and work on getting it set up.

The city attorney discussed a request from the ACLU about a FOIA that does not pertain to the city. He will send a response to the ACLU. He also discussed the old high school building. The owner of the building did not appear at the first court date. He also reported that there are court dates scheduled for next week in Henderson County regarding nuisance ordinance violations.

Discussed whether or not the city's F150 pickup has a warning strobe light on it. This will be checked on and discussed more at the next meeting.

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 7:25 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk