

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 12, 2015, 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 Kevin Six, Colton Smith, Shawn Lain, Doug Erickson, and Stephanie Jones.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Schaefer to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2015, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

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

Discussed getting new flags to hang up along the streets. New flags will be ordered.

Police Commissioner Schaefer introduced Colton Smith to the council. Mr. Smith has been working for the city as a part-time police officer. He informed the council that he is interested in becoming the city's full-time police officer when Dennis Hilliard retires in May. He discussed his background history and future intentions. He still needs to take a 2 week course in April in order to be eligible to become a full-time police officer. The cost of this course is approximately \$1000-\$1200. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to sponsor Colton Smith and pay for the two week course that he needs in order to become a full-time police officer. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed purchasing uniforms for Colton Smith. Mr. Smith will check on some prices for uniforms and get the information back to Police Commissioner Schaefer.

Discussed the mowing of the city cemetery. Commissioner Newberry informed the council that Charles Huss is not interested in mowing the cemetery this year. Shawn Lain informed the council that he is interested in doing it and would appreciate it if the council would consider letting him do it. He is fully insured. Commissioners Schaefer and Newberry will meet with Mr. Lain to go over what would be expected of him. He will then get the council his proposal before the next meeting.

Doug Erickson discussed the water plant demolition project, including the new water salesman. He is trying to contact the contractors to see what their plans are to get the project finished. He informed the council that the sewer inspections have begun. Hydro-Vision Technology is waiting for a paper from their bonding company so that they can get started with their work. They are hoping to get started within the next two weeks.

Discussed the elevator project and how it will affect the water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, and West First Street in that area. CBG Group Elevator would like for the city to have the necessary engineering and surveying work done, and they then will reimburse the city for the expense of having them done.

Commissioner Weese discussed the benefits that other towns in the area offer their full-time employees including wages, vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, and medical insurance.

It was reported that the spotlight on the police pickup needs to be repaired.

Discussed a city resident who recently had an incident with a dog that was running at-large.

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 7:45 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk