

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 26, 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 Doug Erickson, Colton Smith, Eric Icenogle, Chris Classen, Kevin Six, and Shawn Lain.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2015, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Tom Schaefer arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Doug Erickson discussed the old water plant demolition project. He presented an invoice from Benton and Associates in the amount of \$5549.62 for the engineering services for Task 4 of the project – construction observation and administration, as amended with the authorization of the city council. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the invoice from Benton and Associates in the amount of \$5549.62 for engineering services rendered. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mr. Erickson reported that Hydro-Vision Technology plans on starting the cleaning and CCTV inspection of the proposed sewer lines on Monday. He would like to have the first design meeting regarding the sewer line repair/replacement project by the end of April. He also reported that WIRC has informed him that the response to the survey sent out to residents who are affected by the sewer line project has not been very good. It appears that a USDA grant is not going to be an option at this time for the sewer line project due to the city's sewer rates being as low as they are.

It was reported that WIRC has suggested that the city pass a Fair Housing Ordinance. They feel that this would be beneficial in helping the city with possibly getting any type of grant money for a project. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #619, Fair Housing Ordinance. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Mr. Erickson presented the council with a cost estimate of \$30000-\$33000 for the preliminary engineering services for the proposed elevator project on West First Street.

Shawn Lain proposed mowing the city cemetery for \$450 per mowing. He also discussed fertilizing the grass at the city cemetery. He proposed doing this for \$600, including fertilizer. He will also aerate the ground. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Shawn Lain to mow the city cemetery for \$450 per mowing and fertilize it for \$600, including fertilizer. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Colton Smith discussed the two week course that he is required to take in order to become a full-time police officer. The upcoming class in April is already full, therefore, it appears that July is the quickest that he is going to be able to take the course.

Discussed getting a credit card for the city. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Newberry to get a credit card for the city. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Colton informed the council that he currently has a bullet proof vest and trauma plate that belongs to the Village of Stronghurst. He thinks that they would be willing to sell these to the city for

approximately \$500. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2nd by Northup to purchase a bullet proof vest and trauma plate from the Village of Stronghurst for approximately \$500. Newberry, Northup, Schaefer, and Weese AYE.

Discussed getting a cell phone for the police department.

It was reported that the computer in the police vehicle needs repaired.

Discussed the city's employee benefit plan and how ours compares to other towns in the area. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Chris Classen reported that the fire hydrant by the grade school was hit by a car. The bill to repair it will be sent to the driver's insurance company. He also reported that the pump and slide rails in a lift station have been repaired. He would like to change the fire hydrant at the boat docks because the current one is not very accessible. He is also planning on changing the water valve where there was a water main break this winter on West Third Street.

Eric Icenogle reported that he is planning on working more closely with the city police department and that the tax exemption certificates have been taken care of on the city hall/police station property.

Discussed spring clean-up days. Mayor Higgins will check on possible dates that dumpsters are available.

Kevin Six informed the council that he has spoken to State Senator John Sullivan about some possible flood litigation.

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 7:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk