

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on April 23, 2015, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Linda Rettig, Colton Smith, Chris Classen, Stephanie Jones, Eric Icenogle, Bonnie Gittings, and Kevin Six.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2015, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Linda Rettig wanted to "THANK" Mayor Higgins for all of her services during the last 8 years that she has served as mayor and Councilmen Schaefer and Weese for their services while serving on the council the past 4 years.

Stephanie Jones discussed the old water plant demolition project. K & N Excavating was in town this week working on the watersalesman project. They have forms set for the pouring of the concrete for the sidewalk. They still have a few days of work to complete their part of the contract. They are planning on being in town on May 3 or 4 to take out the current fire hydrant and replace it with a new one.

The council decided to give K & N Excavating until May 14, 2015, to complete the work that they have been contracted to do. If the work is not completed by this date, the council will get someone else to complete the unfinished work.

Ms. Jones informed the council that her firm is reviewing the camera work recently done on the sewer lines by Hydro-Vision. She reported that Hydro-Vision had to do an additional 8 tappings at \$300 per tapping, but that it appears that there was less footage that had to be done than was originally planned and therefore, the fee for the camera work should be a little less than originally planned.

It was reported that the response to the survey that has been sent out to the residents who are affected by the sewer project has not been good. It appears that WIRC or someone else will need to go door to door to get the required number of surveys done.

Mayor Higgins reported that the Community Meeting with CGB Group Elevator went well. The elevator's representatives indicated that they would not be doing anything in 2015, but that they are still hoping to be able to do something in 2016.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to adopt a resolution to vacate the current West First Street between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street and to reroute this portion of West First Street to the South for the sole purpose of allowing CGB Enterprises, Inc. to expand their business operations. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that the manhole covers that had to be removed so that Hydro-Vision could do their camera work of the sewer lines have been bolted back down. He is still waiting for Max Faul to get the work done on the lift stations. There were a few problems with residents having sewage back-up while the sewer lines were being cleaned and camera work done. Drain Tainer had to be called in to auger and jet one sewer line. He also reported that a new dehumidifier needs to be purchased for a lift station.

Discussed a benefit package for the city's full-time employees.

City wide clean-up days will be held May 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Discussed a proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control for the spraying of weeds and other vegetation control around city property. The proposed cost for around the city cemetery, along Oak Street, Third Street, and around the bridges on First Street is \$341. The proposed cost for around the sewer lagoon is \$325. A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schaefer to accept both proposals from Land & Water Vegetation Control for a total of \$666. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed getting the boat docks in.

Discussed the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pass a motor fuel tax resolution for the maintenance of the city's streets in the amount of \$150,000. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Commissioner Schaefer discussed putting a shield inside of the city police pickup. It was decided to get a price and discuss this at the next meeting.

It was reported that Police Chief Dennis Hilliard is retiring effective April 30, 2015.

Colton Smith is working on making up the work schedule for the police department. He is looking for other police officers to work part-time.

Glen Smith has recently put together a book about Dallas City, and he has donated a copy of it to the city, with the stipulation that it does not leave the city hall.

The light has been installed on the flag pole at the city hall.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to adjourn the meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk