

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on June 24, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northrup Jr.

Others attending the meeting were Josh Mercer, Doug Erickson, Eric Icenogle, Chris Classen, and Wayne Lebeck.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie Gittings to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2015, meeting. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, and Newberry AYE. Northrup ABSTAIN.

Chris Classen reported that there was a water main break on West Third Street last week. The line had to be bored under the highway, and a new curb stand had to be installed for a resident. He also informed the council that he has had to pump the lift stations a lot recently due to all the rain that we have been receiving. The boat docks have been cabled together due to the recent high river level, and they will be fixed when the river level lowers. He also reported that Max Faul has not been able to get the lift station work done yet because AmerenIllinois has not been able to get a truck here for the day.

Doug Erickson reported that the cost estimate for doing the sewer repair/replacement work on Fourth Street is over \$800,000. There apparently is a Disaster Recovery grant fund that is available for the city to apply for. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lila Gittings to have Doug Erickson approach the Disaster Recovery Grant Fund for both the Fourth Street sewer main project and the other areas of sewer mains that need repaired/replaced. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northrup AYE.

Wayne Lebeck discussed the tree that recently fell on his property. He reported that AmerenIllinois has informed him that they are not responsible for the cleaning up of a tree that is located on their easement. He has received an estimate of \$2,000 to clean up and remove the tree. His insurance will only pay \$500 towards this. The city attorney informed the council that he does not feel that the city is obligated to pay for this clean up, but he will check into it more.

Commissioner Newberry reported that Shawn Lain has not been calling her, like he is suppose to, after he has mowed the city cemetery. It was decided to contact Mr. Lain and inform him that the city is requiring him to contact Commissioner Newberry each time he has mowed the cemetery.

Discussed health insurance for full-time employees.

Commissioner Bonnie Gittings informed Mayor Six and the rest of the council that she is going to be moving to Carthage and therefore, is resigning from her position of commissioner as of June 25, 2015.

Commissioner Bonnie Gittings left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Discussed purchasing a computer for the city hall. The cost for a new computer and printer from Wal-Mart is approximately \$500. A motion was made by Northrup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to purchase the computer and printer from Wal-Mart for approximately \$500. Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northrup AYE. Bonnie Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed the parking lines on Oak Street. It was decided to tape the parking lines instead of painting them. Mayor Six has not heard from the fire department as to when they are going to be able to wash down the street.

Discussed issuing permits for 4 wheelers and golf carts to allow them to be operated on city streets. The city attorney is going to check on this for the city, and it will be discussed more at a future meeting.

Discussed the vacating of East Fifth Street east of Maple Street. The city council passed an ordinance on March 10, 2011, to vacate this street. However, it was contingent on all of the landowners that are affected by the vacating signing the ordinance. This ordinance has never been returned to the city with all of the required landowner's signatures, and therefore, the ordinance has never gone into effect.

A motion was made by Lila Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pass Ordinance #620, Ordinance to Adopt Prevailing Wages for 2015 and Ordinance #621, Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016, fiscal year. Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Bonnie Gittings ABSENT.

Mayor Six read a letter from the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation concerning the city's annual dues for its 3 year membership commitment. The annual dues are \$1,332.45. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lila Gittings to pay the 2015 dues of \$1,332.45. Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Bonnie Gittings ABSENT.

During the recent water main break on West Third Street, the city had to hire a person to act as a flagger since it was on a state highway. A motion was made by Lila Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pay Christine Scanlan \$15 per hour for her 5 hours of working as an emergency hire to be the flagger. Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Bonnie Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed a letter from Henderson County regarding two possible zoning violations. Since the city does not have any zoning ordinances, there are no violations of city zoning ordinances.

The Motor Fuel Tax Letting was held on June 2, 2015. W.L. Miller Company submitted the only bid for \$80,312.30 to do the proposed street work and \$90 per ton for bituminous material (patch). A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lila Gittings to accept both bids of W.L. Miller Company. Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Bonnie Gittings ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk