

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on July 24, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Keith Durand, Sharon Huffman, Steve Roberts, Chris Classen, John Worrell, Jim Worrell, and Frank Olson.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The carbon black clean-up crew left town July 18. They feel that they have done everything that they can do. The insurance adjusters have also left town. Mayor Higgins has a phone number for one of the adjusters if anyone still needs to contact them.

Keith Durand appeared regarding a piece of property in Dallas City that he has purchased taxes on and received a tax deed to in 2006. This will be discussed more with the city attorney at the next meeting that he is present at.

Steve Roberts informed the council that he is interested in obtaining sand bags and anyone wanting to get rid of their sand bags from the recent flood can contact him.

Chris Classen reported that he had to purchase a new dehumidifier for the old sewer plant. The lift stations have been repaired and are all operating. He also informed the council that the seed date for the Wetlands Area is August 1. There is approximately 8 ½ acres to be seeded. This will have to be mowed and sprayed before the seeding can be done.

The mayor and city clerk are scheduled to meet with representatives of FEMA on July 25.

Paul Lohmann, Village President of Beecher, Illinois, visited Dallas City on July 22. He informed Mayor Higgins that they have raised \$8,000 so far and are still working on projects to help raise more funds. He intends to come back and make a presentation of the funds on August 16.

The city employees are working on getting the streets repaired that were damaged by the recent flood. They are also working on painting and making repairs at the boat docks.

Discussed the flood clean-up.

The city has been notified that the Looking For Lincoln sign will be delivered on July 28.

Discussed the railroad crossings that BNSF has had closed this week. BNSF has been closing the crossings without notifying anyone that they are going to be doing so. This will be checked into.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to appoint Dennis Hilliard acting Police Chief while Jerry Duffy is on a medical leave of absence. Ellison and Newberry AYE. Gold NAY. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed properties in town that have not been mowed.

Frank Olson appeared regarding his water. It appears that the water line by his house may need to be

replaced. Chris Classen will run tests on samples of Mr. Olson's water.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk