

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on November 9, 2016, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Terry Pope, Anne Thompson, Dave Blaesing, Doris Harman, Chris Classen, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rossen.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2016, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pay bills. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Terry Pope, Executive Director of the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation, introduced himself to the council and discussed exactly what the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation is working on to help Dallas City.

Dave Blaesing asked the council about the city police department. He feels that the city needs an additional police officer. He also feels that the sheriff's department is not doing what they should be doing when the city's police officer is not in town. He recently had to contact the Hancock County Sheriff's office three times regarding a situation. Anne Thompson also feels that we are having problems with the police department and asked when the new decals are going to be put on the police truck.

Chris Classen presented the council with the proposed renewal contract with TEST Inc. for water/sewer services. The current contract expires December 31, 2016. The proposed renewal contract is for five years with the annual compensation in 2017 being \$26,111.04 and an annual increase of 3.5% for each of the remaining four years of the contract. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to approve the proposed 5 year renewal contract with TEST Inc. effective January 1, 2017. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six reported on the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation meeting and the Mayor Summit meeting that he recently attended.

Discussed ordering and installing more radio read water meters.

Discussed dogs running at large.

Discussed the city police chief working part-time for another city. Also discussed the possible need to hire a second full-time police officer. The council also feels that there is a need for better communication between the city police department and the city council.

It was reported that the exhaust system on the police car needs to be replaced.

Scott Rossen discussed his credentials as a full-time certified police officer and his past experience as a police officer.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to enter executive session to discuss city personnel. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:02 p.m.

Discussed the possible need to have a special meeting. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to hold a special meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 5 p.m. at the city hall. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$3,067.24 for the 2% Fire Tax that the city has received from the State of Illinois. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Chad Passley, C.P.A., has finished the 2015-2016 fiscal year audit. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's 2016-2017 fiscal year audit for \$2,850. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk