

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 28, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison and Esther Newberry. Jason Gold and Harold Northup were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Pauline Smiddy and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

Jason Gold arrived at 5:33 P.M.

Pauline Smiddy appeared regarding her water service. Her house and the house next to hers share the same shut off valve. She would like to have a separate shut off for her house. The city will check on this issue.

It was reported that the city employees have gotten just about all the sandbags cleaned up. The City would like to "THANK" Bob Porter for his help and the use of his uni-loader in the cleaning up of the sand bags.

The City has been working diligently with representatives from FEMA on getting reimbursed for the expenses that were incurred as a result of the flooding this summer.

On August 16, 2008, residents of our "Sister City", Beecher, Illinois, visited Dallas City and presented Mayor Higgins and our town with a donation of \$23,000 for the use of defraying our flood expenses. The City would like to "THANK" the City of Beecher and its residents for their generosity. Mayor Higgins would also like to thank Stan and Mary Vorhies, Beth Pence, and Steve and Jennifer Vorhies for providing refreshments for everyone who attended the ceremony.

In regards to the carbon black situation, the city has been informed by National Liability and Fire Insurance, the insurance company representing Chandler Transportation, that Chandler Transportation has exceeded their \$1 million policy limit. National Liability and Fire Insurance's lawyers are looking into how to handle the expenses that are in excess of the \$1 million limit.

The city received an estimate from Klingner and Associates for the replacement of the water line on East Third Street east of Leinbaugh Street. The estimate to do this work is \$22,575.

Discussed replacing the sidewalk around the manhole on the Oriano property. The city employees will take care of this.

It was reported that John Fisher is working on getting an estimate to tear down his building on Oak Street.

Chris Classen reported that there has been three water breaks in the past two weeks. He will check on what the cost would be to replace the sections of water line that need to be replaced and possibly doing new service lines from water mains instead of replacing the current line that needs replaced.

The City has received a check for the damages that were done to the fence at the sewer lagoon, and the fence has been repaired.

Discussed oil and chipping three sections of First Street that were not included in the original Motor Fuel letting but that were damaged by the flood. Also, discussed doing the area in front of the fire station. The city has received an estimate to do these four areas from W.L. Miller Company for \$11,147.24. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to have W.L. Miller Company do this additional street work. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the rough draft of a notice to serve residents for a violation of the nuisance ordinance. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk