

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 9, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup.

Others attending the meeting were Rod Clark, Lila Gittings, Phillip Bowman, Kristi Evans, Dennis Hilliard, Michelle Gold, Chris Classen, Mary Duffy, and other members of Jerry Duffy's family.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to pay bills. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins reported that our "Sister City", Beecher, Illinois, has sent a final contribution of \$3,147.80. This makes their total contribution to us \$26,147.80. The City Council and the residents of Dallas City would like to "THANK" the City of Beecher and all of its citizens who contributed in any way to this.

The city council would also like to congratulate the Beecher Junior High Boys Baseball team for advancing to the IESA State tournament and the Junior High Girls Softball team for winning 2nd place at the IESA State tournament this fall.

It was reported that the Looking For Lincoln project has almost been completed. It was decided to put a railing around the concrete. The Dallas City Park District has indicated that they would be willing to help with the expense of this railing.

Mayor Higgins read a proclamation declaring the week of October 12-18, 2008, as Jerry Duffy Week in recognition of his service to the City of Dallas City. Mayor Higgins presented a plaque to Mary Duffy in honor of this.

Discussed bill from Scanlan and Sparrow Trucking for sand and trucking during the flood. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gold to pay Scanlan and Sparrow Trucking \$7052.22 for the additional amount due for the sand and trucking that was used during the flood. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins has spoken with a representative from the insurance company concerning the carbon black situation. The company is going to try and meet with everyone who has filed a claim within the next two weeks.

Discussed WIRC membership dues. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to pay WIRC \$580.25 for 2008-2009 membership dues. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Gold to purchase street signs and have the city employees put them up at the corners of Redwood Street and Weatherington Avenue, Redwood Street and West 2nd Street, and Redwood Street and West 3rd Street. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed putting stop signs up at the intersection of Elm Street and East 5th Street. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Chris Classen reported that the water and sewer lines at Kirk Riley's former property on West 1st Street should be capped off at the main after the house has been torn down. He has ordered valves for the old sewer plant, and he will install them this winter.

Discussed John Fisher's property on Oak Street.

Had the first reading of the ordinance to vacate East 5th Street east of Maple Street.

Discussed electrical outlets for Christmas lights. The city will get an estimate for repairing these outlets.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to adjourn the meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk