

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 13, 2019, 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 Anne Thompson, Doris Harman, Terry Cale, Josh Mercer, Charles Newman, Gary Smith, Chris Classen, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2019, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Josh Mercer from Western Illinois Regional Council discussed a grant that might be available for moving the current lift stations at the elevator and old sewer plant. He did let the council know that there would have to be a survey done with the residents that live in the parts of town that are affected by these lift stations. The council will discuss this with the engineer and then discuss it more at the next meeting.

Terry Cale, representative of the Hancock County ESDA, discussed the upcoming flooding that is being predicted for our area along the Mississippi River. He reported that the Hancock County ESDA only has 5,000 sandbags available and that these would have to be distributed to all of the communities in Hancock County that are affected by the flooding. He gave the council the name of a company that sells sandbags, Sun Coast Packaging, Inc. Their sandbags are UV protected and include self-ties. Their price is \$0.25 per bag if you purchase less than 4,000 bags, and \$0.20 per bag if you purchase 4,000 bags or more. Both prices include shipping and delivery. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to purchase 4,000 sandbags for \$0.20 per bag from Sun Coast Packaging, Inc. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Charles Newman asked about getting new flags for the flag pole at the city hall.

Doris Harman thanked the council for getting the vehicle that had been parked along West Fourth Street all winter moved.

Chris Classen reported that he has had to pull the pumps out of the lift station on Chestnut Street because they were plugged with some kind of wipes. He has also been preparing for the forecasted upcoming flood.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave the police report for the month of February 2019. He has completed the Pre-Grant requirements so that he can apply for future grants that become available for the police department. The LexisNexis Crash Reporting system has been installed onto the police computers. The new TASER and equipment has arrived, and he will be conducting the department's recertification training this month or next.

Mayor Six reported on the Economic Development Seminar that he recently attended. He also reported that Ike's is still open and serving food, but not selling alcohol due to a problem with sales tax liability. The problem has nothing to do with his state liquor license, and he will be able to sell alcohol again as soon as the sales tax problem has been resolved.

The city attorney presented the council with a proposed contract that can be used for things like the mowing of the city cemetery and repair and maintenance work that the city needs done.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to offer a contract to Shawn Lain for the mowing of the city cemetery in 2019 for \$600 per mowing. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the new carport that should be arriving in the next few weeks. It was decided to call JULIE to make sure that there are not any problems with existing utilities at the location where the carport is going to be located.

Discussed the removal of the tree at 281 West Third Street. Brian McEntee is supposed to be getting the city an estimate for the removal of the tree. Mayor Six will contact Mr. McEntee to see if he is planning on getting the city an estimate in the near future or if the city needs to get an estimate from someone else.

Discussed having Henderson County bring in some rip rap to be placed on the river bank along East First Street by the intersection with Leinbaugh Street.

The city attorney presented the council with a proposed Contract for Reimbursement that states that the city will pay a maximum of \$8,500 for survey work for the CGB Enterprises, Inc., project, and that CGB Enterprises, Inc., will reimburse the city for this expense.

The city attorney also reported on several other matters that she is still working on, including the property by the old sewer plant that is used as a burn pile, the updating and amending of several of the city's current ordinances, and the outstanding legal cases that are still in process.

Discussed the remodeling work that needs to be done at the city hall/police station building. Mike Dill has given the city an estimate of \$632 to add a door between the back office rooms and install an exhaust fan in the evidence room. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to hire Mike Dill to add a door between the back office rooms and install an exhaust fan in the evidence room for \$632. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mr. Dill has also given the city an estimate of \$1,019.55 to remove the dividing wall in the room that is used as the meeting room and making the necessary repairs after this wall has been removed. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to hire Mike Dill to remove the dividing wall in the meeting room and make the necessary repairs after the wall has been removed for \$1,019.55. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed spring Clean-Up Days. Commissioner Gittings will contact Jackson Disposal to see if they have dumpsters available April 25-28.

Discussed getting sand and the location for filling sandbags this spring. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to have Rankin Transfer deliver two loads of sand to the city's building (the old ready-mix) and use this area for filling sandbags this spring. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk