

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 12, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Jason Gold, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup. Joyce Ellison was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Rod Clark and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2009, meeting. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

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

Discussed the Wetlands Project. City officials recently met with a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the possibility of putting an entrance and exit to the Wetlands area along Illinois Highway 9 & 96. He felt that this would not be a problem as long as we followed a few state guidelines.

The city clerk presented the council with a list of the city's expenses for the Wetlands Project and the reimbursements we have received so far for it. Mayor Higgins is going to contact Ducks Unlimited about possibly reimbursing us for some more of our expenses.

Two anthropologists from WIU will be holding a meeting at Pontoosuc Village Hall on March 18 from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. for residents of Hancock and Henderson counties who were affected by the 2008 floods. The information collected will be used to help develop better disaster responses.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has notified the city that they are planning on resurfacing the highway between Dallas City and La Harpe this year. This will include Highway 9 from the south city limits to the 4-way stop and Highway 9 & 96 from the 4-way stop to Cottonwood Street.

Discussed a resolution for the parade route for this year's celebration. A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Northup to approve the resolution for the parade route for the 150th Celebration being held in 2009. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Elementary PTO. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$300 to the Illini West After Prom. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

Esther Newberry left the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Discussed banners. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Chris Classen reported that a lift station pump had to be cleaned out.

Discussed clean-up days. This will be discussed more at the next meeting about setting a date.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk