

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on March 26, 2009, 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 Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2009, meeting. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSTAIN.

Discussed city banners. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to purchase 15 sky blue colored banners with black lettering and the brackets for hanging them for an estimated cost of \$2700 plus freight. This will be paid out of the City Beautification Fund. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed reimbursements received from FEMA for the 2008 flood expenses.

Mayor Higgins reported that she has sent a letter to Ducks Unlimited in regards to the wetlands reimbursement. She also met with an IDOT representative regarding the pull off area at the wetlands area. The IDOT representative is going to work on getting this approved.

The next newsletter should be ready to be sent out by the first of the week.

Discussed some things that could possibly be done to help the Hancock County Red Cross from having to close down. Mayor Higgins is going to contact the other mayors of Hancock County to see what ideas they might have as well.

Opened bids for the mowing of the city cemetery. The following bid was received:

Chris Hibbard Lawn Care \$300 per mowing

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to accept Chris Hibbard's bid of \$300 per mowing. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Opened bids for the replacing of the doors on the city maintenance building. Bids were received from Schwind Inc., Southeast Iowa Garage Door Specialists, and Overhead Door Company of Quincy. Each bid had several different options to choose from. Commissioner Northup is going to research these bids and a decision will be made at the April 9, 2009, meeting.

The city has received a letter from Klingner and Associates that they have received the bids for the watermain replacement and extension project on East Third Street. They are recommending that the city accept the low bid of \$24,279 from Wiemelt Plumbing Excavating Inc of Quincy, IL. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the low bid of \$24,279 from Wiemelt Plumbing Excavating Inc. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the bill submitted by Klingner & Associates of \$4700 for the permits and engineering fees associated with the East Third Street watermain extension project. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Chris Classen reported that a watermain break had been repaired. He is having a problem with the lift

station on Sycamore Street sealing. The council gave their approval to proceed with whatever needs to be done to fix this problem. He is going to get an estimate to move the wiring on this lift station so it goes into the lift station from a different route so it will not be affected by flooding. He also reported that he has gotten the mowing tractor serviced and ready for use.

Discussed city clean-up days. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to have clean-up days June 4, 5, and 6. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed the furnace in the police station. It was decided to have someone take a look at it.

The Kids Fishing Tournament in Dallas City will be held June 20, 2009.

Discussed making repairs on the boat docks before they are put into the river this spring.

Discussed making an agreement with Scanlan & Sparrow for supplying the city with sand in the case of a flood in the future. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the bridge on East Fourth Street between Oak Street and Elm Street. It appears that work on this project can be started sometime this fall. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to proceed as planned with this project since there has been no opposition expressed by the public that the council is aware of. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk