

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on May 14, 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 Craig Harmon and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

Craig Harmon appeared regarding a problem with the ditch along his property. He also feels that there is a need to do some patch work on Pine Street.

It was reported that the signs for Brian Shipman and the Looking For Lincoln project have been put up, as well as the banners and flags.

Discussed making a donation to the Hancock County Red Cross. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gold to donate \$500 to the Hancock County Red Cross. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Mayor Higgins read a "Thank You" letter from the Illini West After Prom Committee for the city's recent donation.

Discussed making a donation to the Teens For Travel for the volunteer work that five of its members did last summer during the flood. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$164 to the Teens For Travel. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSTAIN.

It was reported that repairs have been made to the police station and boat docks.

Discussed replacing the three garage doors at the city maintenance building. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gold to accept the bid from Overhead Doors of Quincy, Illinois, for \$6832. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

It was reported that the city has received several compliments from other cities who are also taking part in the Looking For Lincoln project on our Looking For Lincoln display at the end of Oak Street.

City Clean-Up Days will be held June 4, 5, and 6.

The city council would like to "THANK" Dean Culbertson for donating the material and making the flower pots that have been placed at the corners of the 4-way stop, the Ideal Hunting Club for donating the dirt and flowers, and Patty Clanton for volunteering her time and planting the flowers.

Chris Classen reported that a pump recently failed in the lift station at the elevator. He installed a spare pump. He has received an estimate of \$2894 to repair the old pump. He would like to get this pump repaired and also purchase an additional spare pump. Chris is going to get estimates for the cost of a new and used pump. He also reported that the work on the new water main on East Third Street east of Leinbaugh Street is scheduled to begin May 19. It is estimated that it will take 1 to 2 weeks to

complete this project, weather permitting.

Discussed drainage problems in town.

Jason Gold reported that he recently attended a meeting regarding a mobile data terminal for the police department. The estimated cost to the city to purchase everything that is needed is \$6350. The council still has a few questions regarding this terminal, and it will be discussed more after these questions have been answered.

The next newsletter will be going out in the near future.

The city council would like to congratulate the members of the Dallas City/La Harpe Junior High track team that are participating in the IESA state track meet this weekend. They would also like to congratulate the Illini West High School bass fishing team for qualifying for the IHSA state tournament last week.

Discussed oil and chipping the boat dock parking lot that was damaged by the flood last summer. The city has received an estimate from W.L. Miller for \$52,349.75 to do this work. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gold to accept this estimate from W.L. Miller. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The city has received a letter stating that things are on track for a September 2009 letting for the replacement of the East Fourth Street bridge between Oak Street and Elm Street.

Discussed the fence at the city cemetery. It was decided to contact Trout Fencing to get an estimate for repairing the fence.

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 6:40 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk