

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on February 28, 2008, 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 Connie Siemens, Carl and Anne Thompson, and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2008, meeting. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

Joyce Ellison arrived at 5:33 P.M.

Connie Siemens appeared to request a \$50 donation for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt that will be held at the grade school. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to donate \$50 to Connie Siemens for the Easter Egg Hunt. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Carl Thompson appeared on behalf of the fire department. They are requesting the use of the city's backhoe on March 15, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. to help with the dissection of a school bus for training purposes. They also requested having East Fourth Street, between Elm Street and Linn Street, closed so that this training session can take place in front of the old high school.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to grant the fire department the use of the backhoe and to close East Fourth Street, between Elm Street and Linn Street, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on March 15, 2008. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Carl Thompson also brought it to the council's attention that the man hole at East Fourth Street and Maple Street needs to be repaired.

Chris Classen reported that the pump for the lift station on Chestnut Street has been rebuilt and the lift station on Sycamore Street has been repaired. He also reported that he is looking into replacing the water line on West Second Street, east of Cherry Street, with some PVC pipe that the city has on hand. He is looking into the cost of the other materials that would be needed to complete this project and will try to have an estimate at the next meeting.

Chris also reported that the City of Carthage is taking bids on a 1991 Ford ¾ ton flatbed truck with a hoist. He feels that this truck would be useful for the City, and that it would be a good idea to make a bid on this truck and sell the Ford pickup we currently own if we would get it. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Higgins reported that she has had several nice compliments on the new website and several positive comments about the newsletters. She also reported that she recently attended the Illinois State Ducks Unlimited convention and spoke to some people regarding the Wetlands Project. They gave Mayor Higgins the impression that they should be able to donate at least an additional \$5000 towards this project.

Discussed the bill from REC for the recycling bin and the fact that it included an additional \$50 fee. This will be looked into more and discussed at the next meeting.

Paul Sly, Hancock County Superintendent of Highways, met with Mayor Higgins and the City Clerk on February 20, 2008, concerning the replacement of the bridge on East Fourth Street, between Oak Street

and Elm Street. He said that unless there are problems with property lines he is hoping to get the bridge replacement done this year.

There have been request received for the use of the boat docks for bass tournaments on June 13-15, 2008, and September 20-21, 2008. The City Council has no problem with this.

Discussed paying the Senior Citizens rent for the use of their building for council meetings, DC Pride celebration committee meetings, etc. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gold to pay the Dallas City Senior Citizens \$750 for the rental of their building for 2008. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed getting bids for mowing the city cemetery. An ad will be run in the Hancock County Journal and Henderson County Quill newspapers. Bids and proof of insurance must be turned in to the City Clerk by noon on March 27, 2008. Bids will be opened at the March 27, 2008, meeting.

The Council would like to acknowledge that March 2-8, 2008, is Local Government Week in the State of Illinois.

The City Council recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for its 2007 financial contribution to the Hancock County Economic Development Association.

Discussed sponsoring the Hancock County Courthouse Community Project to celebrate the Hancock County Courthouse's Centennial Anniversary. The cost of sponsoring this is \$251. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that the camera for the police car has arrived and is scheduled to be installed over the weekend.

Discussed hiring a part-time police officer. Two people have expressed an interest in the position. It was decided to talk to their current employers to make sure there would not be a problem with them if they worked for us part-time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on February 14, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. In the absence of Mayor Higgins, Finance Commissioner Jason Gold 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.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellison to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

It was reported that \$1000 has been transferred to a separate account for the DC Pride Committee. The committee has met and appointed Jerry McGaw chairman. Darla Newberry and Robbin Danielson have been appointed co-treasurers.

Discussed the newsletter. Trisha Hopper has agreed to volunteer her time to help with the newsletter. The next newsletter will be going out next week.

Discussed the website. It is now up and running. The address is dallascity-il.com.

Discussed getting bids for mowing the city cemetery. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing city personnel. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 5:55 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:07 P.M.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to grant Jerry Duffy's request for a 3 month unpaid leave of absence, effective immediately. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk