

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 13, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. In the absence of Mayor Higgins, Finance Commissioner Gold called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup and Ruth Higgins were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Craig Harmon, Dave Blaesing, and Carl Thompson.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2009, meeting. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Craig Harmon appeared in regards to the street by his house where the city employees recently cleaned out the ditch. He asked if there was any way that this could be oiled and chipped this summer. The city will contact W.L. Miller and Company when they are in town doing the work for the 2009 motor fuel contract and see if they have enough material to do this area as well. If not, it will be put on the list of streets to do in 2010.

Dave Blaesing discussed the ditch in front of his house. He complimented the job that was done and just wanted to let the council know that he felt the city employees did an excellent job. He also discussed a problem with a barking dog that appears to be neglected.

Discussed the trees that are being removed in town by Chris Akers. Mr. Akers is in process of getting this job done. He has also submitted a bid of \$400 to remove an additional tree on Tom Walker's property that needs to be removed in order to do the necessary work on the new bridge on East Fourth Street. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to hire Chris Akers to remove the tree on Tom Walker's property for \$400. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that all the deeds have been signed for the properties that were needed to be acquired in order to complete the East Fourth Street bridge project. The engineer is hoping for a November letting.

It was reported that Commissioner Gold attended a meeting for grants and loans thru the USDA. As of now we could qualify for 45% grants with the remaining 55% balance possibly being borrowed on a low interest 40 year loan. It was decided to continue to attend the meetings dealing with this.

Carl Thompson appeared regarding the city fire hydrants. He is going to get the city an estimate for an adaptor. He also requested that the ditch by his mailbox be cleaned out.

Commissioner Gold read a "Thank You" from the Ron Shipman family for the signs at the edge of town honoring Brian Shipman, and one from the Hancock County Red Cross for the city's recent donation.

Discussed the flood ordinance that needs to be approved by October. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk