

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on August 27, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Joyce Ellison, Jason Gold, and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen, Kevin and Sally Six, and Rod Clark.

It was noted that the August 13, 2009, minutes should be corrected to say that Carl Thompson wanted the ditch around his mailbox fixed, not cleaned out.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Ellison to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2009, meeting, with the above correction. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the East Fourth Street bridge project. It appears that everything is on schedule.

Discussed the removal of trees around town. All the trees on city property that were scheduled to be removed or trimmed have been done.

Kevin and Sally Six appeared regarding the removal of gravel in front of their rental property on East Fourth Street. They were informed that the rock was removed for drainage purposes. The city attorney will be contacted regarding this.

Chris Classen reported that it appears that it is going to be too wet to build the driveway in front of the wetlands area this year and that it will have to be done next year instead. Fire hydrants are going to be flushed the week of September 7. Max Faul is going to be putting in new valves and moving the wiring from the ground to over the top of the tank at the sewer lift station by the elevator in the near future.

Discussed fixing the roof on the old water plant or just tearing the building down. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #586, an ordinance regulating development in floodplain areas. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #587 for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2009, to April 30, 2010, fiscal year. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the alley between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street between Pine Street and Sycamore Street.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Gold to not publish the minutes of the city council meetings on the city website until they are approved by the city council. Ellison, Gold, and Newberry AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed grants and low interest loans for water lines and general maintenance issues. It was decided to contact Klingner & Associates about getting an updated study of our water lines.

Discussed a building in town that has had its roof collapse and now appears to be falling in.

Jason Gold left the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Ellison to give Mayor Higgins authorization to sign any and all documents that are needed to make the former Fisher property on Oak Street exempt from property taxes. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to approve and give the city clerk permission to sign a resolution affirming the city's support and partnership with the 2010 census. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to give the Dallas City Lions Club permission to use the 4-way stop for their Candy Days on September 10, 11, and 12, as long as anyone soliciting donations is at least 18 years old. Ellison, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Gold and Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk