

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 13, 2008, 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 Rod Clark, Steve Roberts, Chris Classen, and Ryan Thompson.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2008, meeting. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed an extra charge that REC Recycling was billing the City for on the recycling bin. It was decided to let REC Recycling know that if there is going to be an additional fee for emptying the recycling bin in the future, they are to notify the City before they do it.

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

Steve Roberts presented the Council with t-shirts representing the DC Pride committee. The committee will be selling shirts like these for the celebration being held May 17-18, 2008. The Council would like to "Thank" Steve and the committee for the shirts.

Discussed making a bid on a 1991 Ford ¾ ton flatbed truck with a hoist that the City of Carthage is selling. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Gold to authorize Commissioner Northup to place a bid with the City of Carthage for a 1991 Ford ¾ ton flatbed truck with a hoist. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to sign an agreement to commit to sponsoring the Hancock County Courthouse Centennial Committee's community project at the cost of \$251. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Ryan Thompson appeared regarding the street sign at the corner of Creamery Hill Road and Elm Street. The Elm Street sign is missing and will be replaced. The Council also discussed relocating the street signs so that they would not be located in the same vicinity as a property owner's sign like they currently are. Mr. Thompson also informed the Council that the stop sign by the old water plant on West First Street is faded and needs to be replaced. The Council will have the city employees replace this stop sign with a new one.

Mr. Thompson also approached the Council about possibly running a water line to the Dallas City Township's building on Elm Street. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Chris Classen reported that he has checked on the manhole at the intersection of Maple Street and East Third Street. He feels that a bolt down lid would work the best. He also has gotten estimates on the cost of shoring boxes. The city attorney advised the council that this is an item that the city should have. A decision on which one to purchase will be made at the next meeting.

It was reported that the recently purchased police camera has been installed in the police car.

Discussed interviewing two potential part-time police officers. Commissioner Ellison is working on setting up times to do the interviews.

Discussed properties that need to be cleaned up.

Rod Clark informed the Council that the city's supplier of water, Dallas Rural Water District, is going to be increasing their bulk rate from \$2.10 per 1000 gallons to \$2.50 per 1000 gallons effective May 1, 2008.

Mayor Higgins read a letter complimenting the city on the new website.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk