

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 23, 2012, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Tom Schaefer, and Bob Weese. Harold Northup was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Dave Monti.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2012, meeting. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Dave Monti discussed having an East Fifth Street Block Party/Street Dance on September 29, 2012, for the residents on East Fifth Street. He requested that a block of East Fifth Street be blocked off for this event. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to support this activity and block off East Fifth Street, from Elm Street to Linn Street, on September 29, 2012, from 3 p.m. to midnight. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed trees at the northwest corner of West Third Street and Poplar Street. The city attorney has checked on this, and due to an agreement made in 1989 between the City and the Illinois Department of Transportation, the city is responsible for removing the trees. The Illinois Department of Transportation has indicated that they would be willing to provide flagmen to help with the traffic situation when the trees are removed. It was decided to contact Chris Akers Tree Service to get an estimate for the removal of the trees.

Mayor Higgins reported that the State of Illinois has sent her a letter stating that the city's allocation this year from the 2009 Illinois Jobs Now capital program for local roads is \$4582. This money is scheduled to be issued by the end of October and is required to be deposited in the city's motor fuel tax fund and used for the maintenance of the city streets.

A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pass Ordinance #608, for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2012, to April 30, 2013, fiscal year. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that Chris Classen has sprayed the roadway at the wetlands area and mowed the wetlands area. He has gotten driveway sealer for the sewer lagoon. Steve Brown has offered to apply the sealer for \$100. A motion was made by Schaefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weese to hire Steve Brown to apply the sealer on the driveway at the sewer lagoon for \$100. Newberry, Schaefer, and Weese AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed stuck water meters. The city employees have been working on this problem.

Mayor Higgins and the council would like to "Thank" Bob Weese for fixing the Brian Shipman sign at the west end of town.

Discussed the city flags. It appears that they are going to need to be replaced after this year. It was decided to order new flags.

Discussed a letter from WIRC regarding available grants.

Cathie Smith has contacted Mayor Higgins regarding the Boy Scouts selling Christmas wreaths to people who would like to have them placed on the gravestones of friends and relatives who are buried

in the city cemetery. Mayor Higgins informed Mrs. Smith that the city clerk has the cemetery records in his office if they need help in finding where a person is buried.

Discussed having fall clean-up days. Mayor Higgins will contact Jackson Disposal to see what dates they would be able to supply dumpsters in October.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk