

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 12, 2013, at 6 p.m. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup, and Bob Weese. Tom Schaefer was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Jennifer Herriman, Chris Classen, Ed Parker, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2013, meeting. Newberry, Weese, and Higgins AYE. Northup ABSTAIN. Schaefer ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Weese to pay bills. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Mayor Higgins read "Thank You" cards from the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry and LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for the city's recent donations.

The Girl Scout Troop 9574 requested that the city consider making a donation for their Winter Clothing Drive for needy children that attend Dallas Elementary School. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$200 to the Girl Scout Troop 9574 for their Winter Clothing Drive. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Jennifer Herriman appeared regarding the city police department possibly patrolling her neighborhood on West Second Street more. Also, she recently called the police department to report something, and it took over 30 minutes for them to arrive. Mayor Higgins will talk to the police chief about this.

Chris Classen reported that there have been a lot of problems with the water salesman freezing due to the extremely cold weather. He has had to order some new parts for it, and he hopes to have them in and the water salesman repaired by the end of the week. He also reported that he is still waiting for K & N Excavating to get him the samples that he needs so that he can get the necessary paperwork sent in to the Illinois EPA regarding the East Fourth Street water main project.

It was reported that the GroupCast training has been completed. The system should be ready to use as soon as the necessary information has been entered into the system.

Discussed Christmas bonuses for the city's employees. A motion was made by Weese, and 2nd by Northup to give the city's full-time employees a \$75 Christmas bonus, part-time employees a \$35 Christmas bonus, and to pay the employees share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. Newberry, Northup, and Weese AYE. Schaefer ABSENT.

Discussed the city's policy regarding overtime pay.

Discussed a property that appears to be in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Discussed purchasing a solar powered light for the flag pole at the police station/city hall.

Discussed digging up a curb stand at a property so that the water can be turned off to the property.

It was reported that the new water program is up and running. Customers can check the amount of their bills, print copies of their bills, view their bill history, and pay their bills online by going to www.billpay.ubmaxonline.com. When you register, the Municipality Code that you need to use is:

DallasCityIL330.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk