

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on February 26, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Jason Gold, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup. Joyce Ellison was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2009, meeting. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

A motion was made by Gold, and 2nd by Newberry to set Karen Northup's wage rate at \$8 per hour, with a 90 day probationary period, for reading the city water meters. Gold, Newberry, and Higgins AYE. Ellison ABSENT. Northup ABSTAIN.

Chris Classen reported that he has repaired two more manholes. The re-built motor at the sewer plant has been installed and appears to be working. He also had to repair the dialer on the lift station on Sycamore Street.

Discussed a request from Elgin Berry, Hancock County Engineer, that the city sign the necessary petitions for receiving county aid for the replacement of the bridge on East Fourth Street. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to authorize Mayor Higgins to sign the necessary "Petitions For County Aid To Build Bridge" for the replacement of the bridge on East Fourth Street between Oak Street and Elm Street. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

Discussed the Wetlands area. Mayor Higgins is working with Ducks Unlimited to try to get some more funds to help reimburse the city for a portion of the expenses the city has incurred.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to give all full-time employees a \$50 bonus and part-time employees a \$25 bonus in lieu of having a Christmas dinner. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

Commissioner Gold has contacted the Illinois Department of Transportation about putting up signs honoring Brian Shipman, the Illini West football team, and the Looking For Lincoln Project. He has received an estimate of \$55 for a 2 X 3 sign honoring Brian Shipman. The signs for the football team and Looking For Lincoln Project will be supplied by the State of Illinois. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to purchase three signs to honor Brian Shipman at the cost of \$55 each as soon as this has been approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Ellison ABSENT.

It appears that some fire hydrants are getting covered with so much dirt that it may be difficult for them to be used in case of a fire. It was decided to have the maintenance personnel work on removing this dirt as soon as possible. It was also discussed about the replacing of some older fire hydrants.

Discussed the Hancock County Red Cross and giving them a donation. This will be discussed more at a later date.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk