

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 24, 2011, 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 Matt Markey, Mary Purvis, Chris Classen, and Justin Hobby.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2011, meeting. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSTAIN.

Matt Markey and Mary Purvis requested that Oak Street from Third Street to the railroad crossing be closed on May 7 from noon to 10 P.M. for a benefit fundraiser. They informed the council that they would make sure that any trash would be cleaned up. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gold to approve this request. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

It was reported that the new computer server has been installed at the city clerk's office.

It was reported that the lot that RJMP, LLC, deeded over to the city has been cleaned up. It will be discussed more at a later date as to what the city will do with the lot. Also discussed other properties in town that are being cleaned up.

Chris Classen reported that the city truck has not been fixed yet due to the parts not arriving yet. He discussed the work that needs to be done on the lift station by the elevator. He also reported that all of the pumps have been serviced and appear to be in running order.

Discussed purchasing sandbags for potential flooding. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gold to purchase 10,000 sandbags for approximately \$0.235 per bag. Ellison, Gold, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed police contract with the Village of Lomax. The contract will be for one year, beginning April 1, 2011, for \$2300 per month. A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Northup to approve the police contract with the Village of Lomax. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold NAY.

Jason Gold left the meeting at 6:09 P.M.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to enter executive session to discuss city personnel. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:10 P.M.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:45 P.M.

A motion was made by Ellison, and 2nd by Northup to offer Justin Hobby a position as a full-time police officer, effective April 1, 2011, for \$25,000 per year with a six month probationary period. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

Discussed a quote from Truline Communications Inc. for hand held radios for the police department. The price for two hand held radios is \$1250. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase two hand held radios from Truline Communications Inc. for \$1250. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

It was reported that a tire on the police car may need to be replaced. This will be checked on and discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed city clean-up days. Clean-Up Days were set for May 13, 14, and 15.

Discussed letter from State Senator John Sullivan asking for the city's backing of a bond sale by the State of Illinois.

Discussed the funding of the East Fourth Street bridge project. The State of Illinois still has not reimbursed the City for construction engineering fees and land acquisitions.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to pass a motor fuel tax resolution for the maintenance of the city streets in the amount of \$100,000. Ellison, Newberry, and Northup AYE. Gold ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk