

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on May 28, 2015, at 6 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup Jr.

Others attending the meeting were Stephanie Jones, Eric Icenogle, Chris Classen, and Ryan Thompson.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Bonnie Gittings to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2015, meeting. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Stephanie Jones from Benton and Associates discussed the invoice from Hydro-Vision for the cleaning and televising work on the sewer lines and necessary tappings. There was a change order that resulted in a decrease of \$370.10 from the original estimate. The total of the invoice is \$54,629.90. Benton & Associates recommends that this invoice be paid. Ms. Jones also presented an invoice from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$19,158.69 for their professional engineering services provided for the sewer line project. A motion was made by Lila Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Hydro-Vision \$54,629.90 and Benton & Associates \$19,158.69 for their work with the sewer line project. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Ms. Jones also reported that Benton & Associates has been notified by the Illinois EPA that the city is not going to be required to obtain a permit to do the sewer line replacement on Fourth Street.

WIRC is still working on finishing up the survey work for the possible grant funding of the sewer line project.

It was reported that K & N Excavating has been in town to do some of the remaining work on the old water plant demolition/water salesman project, including the raising of a fire hydrant and valve box.

Chris Classen reported that Max Faul is still working on the lift stations. He also reported that a bearing is out on the "L" shaped boat dock. He is working on getting this fixed so that the boat dock can be put in. The roofs on the bathroom building at the boat docks and the building at the sewer lagoon are both needing to be replaced. He will work on getting an estimate for the cost to replace these roofs.

Discussed changing the time and dates of the future city council meetings. A motion was made by Lila Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to hold the city council meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5 p.m. at the city hall starting in June 2015. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE. The next meeting of the Dallas City City Council will therefore be on June 10, 2015, at 5 p.m.

Mayor Six and City Attorney Eric Icenogle recently met and worked on a tentative appropriations ordinance for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. A motion was made by Bonnie Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to approve, in tentative form, the Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016, fiscal year. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The city's street maintenance employee has been working on getting pot holes filled.

Commissioner Northup discussed a possible candidate for a part-time police officer. The council would like for the candidate to attend a meeting so that they can meet him and ask any necessary questions. Commissioner Northup will contact the candidate to see if he can attend the next meeting.

Discussed possibly purchasing a dog box so if the city police needs to pick up a dog, they will have something to put it in. It was decided to purchase a dog box.

It was reported that the light bar on the police car needs to be replaced, and the police car also needs to be detailed.

Discussed allowing ride-alongs in the police vehicles. The city's insurance carrier has recommended against allowing this.

Ryan Thompson discussed his water bill. He would like for the city's water/sewer rates to appear on the water bills. He also discussed a situation that occurred a few months ago. He feels that the city should give a customer some kind of notice if their water bill is delinquent and due to be shut off.

The city clerk informed the members of the council that Illinois Statutes require the Council, by majority vote, to designate one commissioner to be Commissioner of Accounts and Finances; one to be Commissioner of Public Health and Safety; one to be Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works; and one to be Commissioner of Public Property.

A motion was made by Lila Gittings, and 2nd by Bonnie Gittings to designate Lila Gittings Commissioner of Accounts and Finances, Harold Northup Jr. Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Bonnie Gittings Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works, and Esther Newberry Commissioner of Public Property. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Whereupon said motion carried and Commissioner Lila Gittings is hereby designated Commissioner of Accounts and Finances, Commissioner Harold Northup Jr. is hereby designated Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, Commissioner Bonnie Gittings is hereby designated Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, who ex-officio shall be Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioner Esther Newberry is hereby designated Commissioner of Public Property.

Discussed health insurance for the city's full-time employees. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six has received a letter from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office requesting a donation for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run which is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$50 to the Special Olympics Illinois in support of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed having the parking lines on Oak Street painted and checking with the Dallas Rural Fire District about washing the street down before doing the painting.

Discussed contacting IDOT about replacing a broken curb on state right-of-way property.

Discussed other items that need to be addressed around town.

Mayor Six is checking on prices for a computer for him to use at the city hall.

The Kids Fishing Tournament is going to take place on June 13, 2015.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Gittings, Lila Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk