

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 8, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Harold Northup Jr.

Others attending the meeting were Joshua Mercer, Sally Luder, Peggy Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harper, Chuck Leake, Colton Smith, and Lynn Hoyt.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

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

Discussed the vacating of East Fifth Street east of Maple Street. There was an ordinance passed on March 10, 2011, vacating this portion of East Fifth Street, but it was contingent on all the landowners affected by the vacating of the street signing the ordinance. This ordinance has never gone into effect due to the fact the ordinance has never been returned to the city with all the necessary signatures. Charles Harper reviewed copies of deeds, plat maps, and surveys of an area that would be involved in this vacating of East Fifth Street. According to these documents, Chuck Leake's deed is incorrect. Mr. Leake discussed the fact that the city previously vacated a portion of East Fifth Street between Maple Street and Osage Street approximately 40 years ago, and he does not understand how just a portion of this street could be vacated. The council wants to discuss this matter with the city attorney at the next meeting so that he can advise them on what can and can not be done.

Peggy Newberry discussed trees that are located north of the old Legion Hall, and whether or not they are on city property. This will be checked on.

Joshua Mercer of the Western Illinois Regional Council, the agency the City of Dallas City has chosen to prepare the grant in relation to the disaster declaration for the 2013 flooding, was asked to give a brief overview of the program prior to consideration of the resolution of support. Mr. Mercer explained that the City is submitting a public infrastructure grant application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a storm sewer improvement project.

Mr. Mercer briefly described the special funding as follows:

Eligibility

- 1) The project must be in relation to a storm event for 2013 and in a federally declared disaster county.
- 2) The application period opened on June 4, 2015, and funding is available on a first come-first served basis.
- 3) Projects must be completed and funds spent by June 30, 2016.
- 4) Projects must meet one of three national objectives and Dallas City meets the objective of benefitting low to moderate income persons at a minimum of 51% as its benefit is 71% according to the most recent Census data.

Total funds available are \$16 million with an application ceiling of \$600,000 with no match requirement. The funding priority is for water/sewer systems, storm drainage systems, levee systems, and road and bridges. The City will be applying for \$600,000 which includes engineering,

construction, and grant administration.

There is a seven day public comment period as a requirement of the grant. The public comment notice was posted on June 30, 2015, at the Dallas City Post Office, City Hall, and Vorhies Insurance Agency. Comments were to have been received by 4:00 pm on July 8, 2015. There were no comments received.

Mr. Mercer asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mayor Six thanked Mr. Mercer and asked for consideration of the Resolution of Support to proceed with application submission. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to approve the Resolution of Support and proceed with application preparation and submission. Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed a resident on West First Street whose sewer backed up due to the recent storms.

Discussed the mowing of the city cemetery and the fact that there has been several complaints. It appears several of the tombstones are not being cleaned off when excess clippings are left on them.

Discussed health insurance for full-time employees.

Colton Smith gave his police report for the month of June. He reported that the cage is scheduled to be installed in the police vehicle later this month.

Discussed the parking lines on Oak Street. It was decided to paint the lines instead of using tape due to the fact that the tape would probably come off the first time the street is plowed this winter.

Discussed the computer that the city is going to get for the mayor and what accessories are needed.

Discussed the garbage rate for the trash container that the city uses. The city clerk has contacted the 3 companies that provide garbage service to Dallas City and got the following rates:

Waste Management	\$69.15/month for a 1 yard dumpster
Jackson's Disposal	\$70/month for a 1 ½ yard dumpster
Floyd's	\$68/month for a 1 ½ yard dumpster

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to start using Floyd's, effective August 1, 2015, for the city's garbage pick-up service. Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

Discussed a "Safe Route to Schools" project for sidewalks leading to the grade school.

Mayor Six read a letter from Tom Edmonds informing the city that REC Recycling is going out of business August 1, 2015. The city will try to find someone else to maintain the recycling bin.

Discussed the opening on the council that needs to be filled.

Discussed the trains that go thru town and if there was any way to get them to stop blowing their whistles when going thru town.

Discussed a resident who is violation of the city's animal ordinance. The city police will contact the resident.

Police officer Colton Smith introduced Lynn Hoyt to the council. Mr. Hoyt is interested in working as a part-time police officer for the city. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to offer Lynn Hoyt employment as a part-time police officer for \$15 per hour. Gittings, Newberry, and Northup AYE.

It was reported that the fire department is planning on washing down Oak Street on July 13.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk