

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 12, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings and Esther Newberry. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Greg Olson, Colton Smith, Chris Classen, Doug Erickson, and Eric Icenogle.

It was noted that the minutes of the July 22, 2015, meeting should have read that there was a motion to rent a boom lift so that Josh Kinman could have the tree by his house removed instead of a motion to hire Brian McEntee to remove the tree.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to accept the minutes, as corrected, of the July 22, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Doug Erickson reported that the Disaster Recovery grant has been applied for, and he hopes to have a response back soon letting us know whether our application has been accepted or not.

Mr. Erickson and Mayor Six are working on the "Safe Route to Schools" project.

Mr. Erickson also is planning on contacting K & N Excavating and letting them know that the city expects the water salesman project to be finished this fall.

Chris Classen reported that the pump for the lift station on Sycamore Street has been rebuilt and installed. Max Faul has completed the work of raising the second lift station on East First Street. He also reported that the water valve at the intersection of Oak Street and First Street is going to be repaired this week.

Commissioner Gittings has tried to contact Jackson Disposal regarding the recycling bin, but they have not gotten back to her.

Discussed the city cemetery. It appears that there are some walls near stones that are in need of repairs, but the city is not responsible for these repairs.

Discussed residents that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Colton Smith gave the council a police summary report for the month of July. He has completed his certification classes with the State of Illinois that is required in order for him to be a full-time police officer.

Discussed trying to find some other part-time police officers.

Discussed the opening on the city council that needs to be filled. Greg Olson informed the council that he would be willing to fill this position. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to appoint Greg Olson to the position of Street Commissioner. Gittings, Newberry, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed health insurance for full-time employees.

Discussed trees on the south side of the alley behind the old legion hall. It appears that these trees are close to power lines. Mayor Six will contact Ameren Illinois to see if they would be willing to address these trees so that they do not affect their power lines.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #622 for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016, fiscal year. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk