

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 26, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Tammy Kaminski, Doug Erickson, and Colton Smith.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Tammy Kaminski appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Park District. There has been some vandalism at the parks in town during the past few weeks, and she asked about where the city stands on getting a full-time police officer and possibly part-time officers. The council informed her that they are currently working on an agreement with Colton Smith to make him the city's full-time police chief and are looking for possible part-time officers as well. She requested that the police department patrol Knapp's Park more on Saturday nights. She also asked that the city notify the Park District next year when it is time for the Motor Fuel Tax Letting so that they could get a bid from the contractors to have the street around Lincoln Rock oiled and chipped.

The Dallas City Park District is needing a place to hold their meetings, and Mrs. Kaminski asked the council if they would allow them to have their meetings at the city hall building. The council gave the Dallas City Park District their permission to use the city hall building for their meetings.

Doug Erickson informed the council that he still has not heard on the status of the grant applications that have been applied for. The amount that has been applied for by communities throughout the state exceeds the amount that is available, but he is still hopeful that the city will receive some funds.

Discussed the possible building of a community center. The USDA Rural Development has a grant and loan program for community facilities that might be a possible source of funds if the city decides to proceed with this.

Colton Smith discussed what his wage and insurance benefits requirement would be in order to become the city's full-time police chief. He also reported that Lynn Hoyt has decided not to accept the city's offer to be a part-time police officer. The city will continue to look for part-time police officers.

It appears that the city cemetery is not being mowed as often as needed.

Discussed water shut offs due to the non-payment of bills.

Discussed properties that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

Commissioner Gittings reported that Jackson Disposal will empty the recycling bin for \$100 per pickup. It was decided to have Jackson Disposal start emptying the recycling bin. Commissioner Gittings will contact Jackson Disposal to see what the city needs to do to the recycling bin so that it can be opened back up.

Discussed the ditch and culvert by the old laundromat on West Second Street.

Discussed tree limbs that are hanging over West Fifth Street.

Discussed health insurance for the city's full-time employees.

Harold Northup Jr. left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Discussed the possibility of a community center and a possible location for one.

Discussed a property in town that the city has a \$750 lien on. Henderson County has requested that the city forgive this lien so that the property can be sold. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Esther Newberry left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Discussed a possible candidate to be a part-time police officer for the city.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk