

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 9, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Chris Classen and Colton Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Commissioner Newberry reported that Shawn Lain has decided to quit mowing the city cemetery. Dennis and Tammi Smith have agreed to do the mowing for the rest of this year for \$600 per mowing. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to hire Dennis and Tammi Smith, without precedence and prejudice, to mow the city cemetery for \$600 per mowing for the rest of this year. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Discussed purchasing a pole saw for the streets department for trimming trees. It was decided to purchase a pole saw.

Discussed the boat docks and the fact that there are some boards that need to be replaced.

Chris Classen reported that a lift station pump that Mississippi Valley Pump recently repaired had to be repaired again. Mississippi Valley Pump did not charge the city for this repair work. He also reported that the Wetlands area has been mowed.

Doug Erickson has informed the city that K & N Excavating is to be in town this week or next week to finish the work at the water salesman.

Colton Smith gave the August police department summary report. Trent Woolson has started working as a part-time police officer for the city. He appears to be working out well.

Discussed issuing permits for golf carts and ATV's to be operated on city streets. It was decided not to issue permits, but to have the city police officers use their own discretion as to if an operator of a golf cart or ATV should be issued a warning or ticket if they violate a traffic law or cause damage to property.

Officer Smith also informed the council that the city has received a recall notice on the city police car and that he is going to get this taken care of. He also requested that the council consider getting a different light bar for the police car. The council asked Officer Smith to get prices for a different light bar and bring them to the next meeting.

Mayor Six has contacted Ameren Illinois about the trees on the south side of the alley behind the old legion hall that are close to power lines. They have indicated to Mayor Six that they will be addressing these trees.

Doug Erickson has informed Mayor Six that the State of Illinois will be releasing grant money for items like a new community center in October. It also appears that the sewer grant money should be released by the end of October, as well.

Discussed city employees, their compensation, and benefits. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to have Trick-Or-Treat on Friday, October 30, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed having fall clean-up days. Commissioner Gittings is going to contact Jackson Disposal to see what dates they have dumpsters available.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk