

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 9, 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, Chris Classen, and Colton Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Tammy Kaminski discussed the possibility of getting cameras for the Dallas City Park District's parks.

Discussed a vacant house in town and a wildlife problem.

Discussed a property in town that has a water lien against it.

The city has been informed by the Illinois Funds that there will be a monthly service charge on each account beginning in February 2016. The city's Illinois Funds accounts were originally opened because they were the only type of accounts that the State of Illinois would directly deposit state tax revenue into, and the interest rate that the Illinois Funds paid was substantially higher than the local bank's. The State of Illinois will now directly deposit tax revenue into a local bank account, and the local bank's interest rate is higher than the Illinois Funds' rate. The city currently has three Illinois Funds accounts, General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and Bond Construction Fund. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to close the city's three Illinois Funds accounts, open Motor Fuel Tax Fund and Bond Construction Fund accounts with the Bank of Stronghurst, and start having the city's state tax revenue directly deposited into the new Motor Fuel Tax Fund account and the city's current General Fund account with the Bank of Stronghurst. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Doug Erickson discussed a pay estimate from K & N Excavating. It is his recommendation that the city not approve this pay estimate until there is more paperwork presented by K & N Excavating. It was decided not to approve this pay estimate at this time.

Mr. Erickson also discussed a meeting that recently took place with a representative from the USDA concerning a possible low interest loan for the city.

Colton Smith discussed a 3 day training course, "Basic & Advanced Rapid Deployment", being put on by ADAMAX on December 28-30 in Petersburg, Illinois. The State of Illinois pays for the training course. He asked for the council's permission to allow part-time police officer Trenton Woolson and himself to attend this training course. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to have Colton Smith and Trenton Woolson attend this training course and pay for one hotel room for two nights. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Lila Gittings left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Discussed ATV's and golf carts being operated on the city's streets. If an ordinance is passed, it will have to be done with the city attorney.

Discussed the drainage ditch along Pine Street just south of the railroad tracks. The BNSF railroad is going to do some work on this. The city will then look at the problem after the railroad has done their work.

Discussed changing the city's water and sewer ordinance so that it addresses the capping of water and sewer lines when a building is demolished.

Discussed trees being removed that are located between a sidewalk and a street. This will be checked on.

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

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

Stanley K Vorhies, Deputy City Clerk