

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 8, 2016, 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 John Stimpson, Ruth Higgins, Kerry and Chris Stevens, Doug Erickson, Stephanie Jones, Joshua Mercer, Chris Classen, and Trent Woolson

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2016, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

John Stimpson spoke on behalf of the Riverview Sportsmen Club. They would like for the city to consider putting a dusk-to-dawn light up at the Wetlands area to possibly help control some of the vandalism that has taken place in that area. Mr. Stimpson also informed the council that the Riverview Sportsmen Club would be willing to help with the expense of the light. The council agreed to have Ameren Illinois put up a dusk-to-dawn light at the Wetlands area.

The Riverview Sportsmen Club would also like to help support the improving of the current boat docks. The city has already contacted a company about getting an estimate on the cost to replace the current boat docks with new ones, but the city has not received the estimate yet.

Trent Woolson reported that the police car is in need of several repairs. He feels that the city should sell the police car and equipment in it. He also discussed the police department as a whole and where he stands towards the department.

Doug Erickson and Stephanie Jones from Benton and Associates and Joshua Mercer from Western Illinois Regional Council discussed the Facility Plan Update for the sewer repairs that need to be made. It appears that there are two sewer lift stations that need to be addressed. Doug discussed future NPDES permit requirements. They also discussed the Financial Plan that goes with the Facility Plan and the possible need for the city to increase the city's water and sewer rates.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to approve the project identified in the Facility Plan and the Financial Plan that goes along with it. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed re-doing the survey of certain residents that was done last year in order to apply for grants. Western Illinois Regional Council has agreed to re-do the survey for \$750. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Western Illinois Regional Council to do the survey required for grant applications at the cost of \$750. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the city's water and sewer rates.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to raise the water rate from \$10 to \$17 for the first 1,000 gallons used and the rate for water used in excess of 1,000 gallons from \$0.36 to \$0.40 per 100 gallons effective July 1, 2016. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to raise the sewer rate, based on water usage, from \$14 to \$17 for the first 1,000 gallons used and from \$0.18 to \$0.20 per 100 gallons used in excess of

1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2016. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed having Benton and Associates check to see if there are any types of grants and/or loans for a boat dock project that could be used to help with the cost of replacing the current boat docks.

Discussed purchasing a bluetooth speaker for the police department so that the city's police officers can use their cell phone hands free. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase a bluetooth speaker for the police department at a cost not to exceed \$100. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

It was reported that the flag at the city hall has been replaced with a new one.

The council granted permission for the use of West Fifth Street from the Catholic Church to the city limits on September 24, 2016, for a Catholic Pilgrimage Tour.

Discussed a tree on state ground that the city is responsible for as a result of an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation. The tree has some dead limbs in it that the adjacent property owner would like to have removed. The council has offered to remove the tree in the past, but the property owner did not want it removed. Therefore, the council would consider removing the entire tree but not just the dead limbs.

Discussed a curb stand that it appears the city is responsible for repairing.

Discussed the city police officers. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to change the salary status of Police Chief Colton Smith from salaried to hourly with a hourly rate of pay of \$16.59, effective July 1, 2016. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$25 to the Dallas City Celebration for the sponsorship of their T-Shirts. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed adding a security camera at the city maintenance building. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase a security camera for the city maintenance building from Per Mar Security Services. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Esther Newberry left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Discussed the upcoming celebration activities.

Discussed allowing county reserve deputy police officers to ride with the city police. The council does not have a problem with this and gave their approval.

Discussed the railroad crossings in town that were recently closed for an extended period of time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk