

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 13, 2016, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Esther Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson. Lila Gittings was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Doris Harman, Linda Rettig, Ruth Higgins, Ruby Longley, John Stimpson, Kerry & Chris Stevens, Jason & Michelle Gold, Tony & Angie Cisneros, Jan Kaminski, Tammy Kaminski, Marlene Davis, Tom Walker, Steve Roberts, A.J. Beach, Andrea Wibbell, Don & Stephanie Herriman, Chari Purchatzke, Dennis Brumbaugh, Dave Dooley, Anne Thompson, Ty Hancock, Chris Classen, Trent Woolson, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2016, meeting. Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

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

Doris Harman discussed problems with the sidewalk by her house and the drainage along West Fourth Street and Pine Street. Chris Classen informed the council that the fire hydrant by Mrs. Harman's property needs to be replaced and that he feels a lot of these problems will be solved when this hydrant is replaced. He will try to get this done as soon as possible.

Ruby Longley asked the council why there is not a dollar store, like Dollar General, in town. Mayor Six informed Ms. Longley that the city has contacted Dollar General in the past, and that they have informed him that the city is on their "watch list".

Linda Rettig discussed the area on the north side of West Fifth Street by her house that she had cleaned up this spring and asked about the city spraying this area. The council informed Mrs. Rettig that Land & Water Vegetation Control has already been contacted and is suppose to be taking care of this. Jason Gold also discussed the need for the city to trim the trees along West Fifth Street.

Several residents expressed their concerns and displeasures with the old high school property. Ty Hancock informed the council about what he is hoping to do with this property. The city attorney discussed the possible legal actions that the city could take. Mayor Six has spoken to Hancock County Sheriff Scott Bentzinger about this situation. The Dallas City Fire Department has informed Mayor Six that due to the condition of this property that they would not enter the building on this property if their services were needed.

John Stimpson informed the council that he felt that the residents that were in attendance at this meeting were there to support the council regarding the situation with the old high school property.

Jason Gold discussed some possible options that the city might have for citing Mr. Hancock.

Chris Classen reported that the last boat dock was put in for the July 4th holiday.

Discussed new water meters and how many the city has left to install.

Discussed a dusk-to-dawn light at the Wetlands area. A representative from Ameren Illinois recently looked at the proposed area for the light and has informed the city that either a transformer would have to be installed or a line would have to be run from the sewer lagoon. Either option would be at the

city's expense.

Discussed sending Trent Woolson to a police academy so that he can become a full-time police officer. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to send Trent Woolson to an 80 hour transitional police academy beginning July 25, 2016. Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

The city attorney will draw up an agreement that will require Officer Woolson to reimburse the city for the expense of the police academy if he fails to continue working for the city for two years.

It was reported that the stickers on the police pickup are coming off and need to be replaced.

Since there were no protest submitted to the tentative appropriations ordinance at the public hearing held before the regular meeting, a motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #625, Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2016, to April 30, 2017, fiscal year. Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

It was reported that the city has been contacted about possibly having someone do community service work in Dallas City.

Discussed the city's messaging system. Softline Data, Inc., the company that the city currently uses for its water billing system, has informed the city that they offer a public alert system, as well. Softline's quote appears to be cheaper than the system that the city is currently using. It was decided to contact some other cities that use Softline's messaging system to see how they feel about it.

Discussed renewing the city's membership with the Western Illinois Regional Council. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to renew the city's membership with the Western Illinois Regional Council for the 2016-2017 fiscal year at the cost of \$567.00. Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed Mayor Six's cell phone. He is currently using his personal cell phone for city business. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to reimburse Mayor Six \$80 per month for the use of his personal cell phone for city business. Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed city cemetery maintenance.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk