

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on August 10, 2016, 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 Doris Harman, Doug Erickson, Chris Classen, Eric Icenogle, and Trenton Woolson and family members.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2016, meeting. Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Gittings ABSTAIN. Northup ABSENT.

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

Doris Harman thanked the council for getting the problems by her house taken care of and expressed her appreciation to the city employees for doing such a good job. She also felt that the recent celebration was a very good one. Mayor Six and the council also feel that it was one of the best celebrations that the city has had in recent years.

Doug Erickson recently met with Commissioner Northup to look at the boat docks. He feels that soundings and an underwater survey need to be done in order for him to give the council a better idea as to what exactly needs to be done and what options the city has in order to correctly repair the boat docks. He thinks that the soundings and underwater survey can be done for between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

Mr. Erickson also discussed the sewer project. The Facility Plan has been submitted to the IEPA. He discussed applying for grants and the necessary steps that need to be done in the near future.

Chris Classen reported that the Hancock County Housing Authority recently had a leak in a meter pit that was their responsibility. It had to be fixed as soon as possible so that the residents there could have water. He, therefore, went ahead and fixed it. The city will bill the Hancock County Housing Authority for these repairs. There had also been a leak on Sycamore Street that had to be repaired. He also reported that there is a problem with the main lift station that he is still trying to figure out. He is working on getting this fixed.

Discussed a house that appears to be in violation of the city's ordinances. The city attorney will draw up a notice and have the city police serve the property owner.

Discussed the old high school property.

Discussed the installation of a transformer and dusk-to-dawn light at the Wetlands area. Ameren Illinois has now informed the city that they do not feel that putting these on the existing pole, as planned, will light the area that the city is wanting lit. They can, however, install a new pole that would allow the city to light up the area they are wanting lit. The cost of a new pole would be \$2,000 plus \$5 per foot for the needed wire. There would be no charge for the transformer. This would also require the city making this a new service location instead of adding it to the street lights. The city will discuss these options with the Riverview Sportsmen Club and discuss it more at the next meeting.

Trenton Woolson was sworn in as Chief of Police by the City Clerk.

Police Chief Woolson reported that a drug bust had recently been performed. He also reported on new Illinois drug laws and the training that is needed. He has checked on prices for new decals for the city police pickup. It appears it is going to cost approximately \$548 for the decals, and the city will then have to pay to have them put on the pickup.

Discussed amending the city's liquor license ordinance to change the time that Class A-1 license holders can begin serving alcohol on Sundays. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

It was reported that W.L. Miller Company has finished the oil and chipping of the streets that were included in the 2016 Motor Fuel Tax Letting.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #627 for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2016, to April 30, 2017, fiscal year. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Trent Woolson informed the city council that he may have a person that might be interested in working for the city as a part-time police officer. He reported that the front tires on the police car need to be replaced. He also reported that he would like to start a website for the police department.

Discussed putting a dumpster for garbage at the boat docks.

Mayor Six reported that he recently attended a meeting for the local mayors.

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 6:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk