

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 28, 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 Doris Harman, Connie Siemens, Cathie Smith, Doug Erickson, and Trent Woolson.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2016, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Doris Harman asked about a resident who is not having his garbage picked up. The council will have the police chief talk to the resident, and inform him that if the garbage is not taken care of, a citation for a nuisance ordinance violation will be issued.

Connie Siemens appeared to ask the council to consider making donations for the upcoming holiday season. She also informed the council that the Dallas City Kids Christmas with Santa is scheduled for December 3 at the Dallas City Township building.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to donate \$250 to the Dallas City Lions Club for their Toys for Tots program and \$250 to Connie Siemens for Christmas with Santa. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Doug Erickson reported that he has prepared a letter to give the state explaining why the sewer project's Facility Plan was not completely finished in time. Josh Mercer will deliver it on Friday when he takes the other paperwork to Springfield. Doug also discussed the steps that are left to be done with the design and Facility Plan for the sewer project. He is hoping to be able to let bids in April 2017.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to pay Benton and Associates \$16,000 for the Engineering Design Amendment and \$10,000 for the IEPA SRF Loan Assistance work they are doing for the sewer project. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Doug also discussed doing depth soundings at the boat docks. They will try to do this after the river has gone down and while their survey crew is in town working on the sewer project.

Cathie Smith discussed possibly setting up a not-for-profit organization to help raise money for doing things to improve the city. The council feels that this is an excellent idea.

Mayor Six discussed a Hancock County Emergency Management meeting that he recently attended. He is going to contact Jack Kurfman to see if they would be interested in taking the city's sand bags that the city can not use.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. It was decided to hold Trick-Or-Treat on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7 p.m.

Discussed Fall Clean-Up Days. It was decided to have clean-up days on October 13-16. Dumpsters will be placed next to the recycling bin.

Discussed the speed limit in the east end of town on East Third Street, IL Route 96. Since this is a state highway, the Illinois Department of Transportation is responsible for setting the speed limit on Third Street. The city clerk has contacted IDOT and asked them to consider lowering the speed limit in the

east end of town.

Discussed making a donation to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for their "Project Santa". A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to donate \$300 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for their "Project Santa". Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Trent Woolson gave a report for the police department. He recently attended an ice water rescue information meeting. He has been asked to help with the fire drill at the Dallas City Grade School on October 14. He has gotten a price of \$268 from Melton's Auto for 2 new tires, including installation, on the police car.

Trent also reported that he is still looking for a part-time police officer. He asked the council if the city would be willing to send a possible candidate to a police academy for part-time officers. It would cost approximately \$1500 and the city should get most, if not all, of the \$1500 back.

Trent requested that the city purchase ammunition and radio shell casings for the police department.

Discussed purchasing firearms for the city police officers that would remain the city's when an officer no longer worked for the city. Also, discussed purchasing uniforms and bullet proof vests for police officers.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to purchase two sets of uniforms for Police Chief Woolson, 500 rounds of ammunition for a 40 Magnum gun, 500 rounds of ammunition for a 300 Blackout gun, and two shell casings for handheld radios. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to adjourn the meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk