

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on January 25, 2017, 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 Anne Thompson and Chris Classen.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the city's police department. Commissioner Northup is going to speak to some county sheriff deputies to see if any of them would be interested in working part-time for the city. Mayor Six reported that he spoke to Shane McKoon and made him the offer that the council approved at the last meeting. However, Mr. McKoon has informed Mayor Six that he would not be accepting this offer. Mayor Six also reported that he has also spoken to another person that appears to be interested in working for the city as a full-time police officer.

Mayor Six reported that he has spoken to a developer who has indicated that Dollar General is considering opening a store in Dallas City. The developer was checking on fees, water and sewer lines, fire hydrants, etc.

Doug Erickson of Benton and Associates sent a report for the council regarding the sewer project. It appears that everything has been done that needs to be done, and it is now just a waiting period to see if the city receives any of the grant money that we have applied for.

Chris Classen reported that he has been working on getting the city's mowing equipment serviced and ready for the spring. He also reported that the city has a Rhino finish mower that is no longer being used. It was decided to clean-up the finish mower and try to sell it.

Discussed the mowing of the city cemetery this year. The council was very satisfied with the job that Alex Sherwood did in 2016. It was decided to have Commissioner Newberry contact Mr. Sherwood to see if he is interested in mowing the cemetery again this year, and if so, for what price.

Discussed the city's contract with the Village of Lomax for providing them with 14 hours of police protection services per week. The last contract expired April 30, 2014. Since then the city has had a mutual agreement to provide police services to the Village of Lomax and has been compensated by them according to the terms of the last contract. However, the city is currently not able to provide the Village of Lomax police protection due to a lack of man hours. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to terminate the city's agreement with the Village of Lomax to provide police protection services due to the city's lack of police officer man hours, pending the future outcome of Dallas City's search for police coverage. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed applying for a grant to possibly purchase a storm siren that could also be used for a noon whistle.

Harold Northup left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Motor Fuel Tax Letting was held on January 24, 2017. W.L. Miller Company submitted the only bid to do the proposed street work in the amount of \$33,383.65. Gray Quarries Inc. submitted the only bid for bituminous material (patch) in the amount of \$82.50 per ton. A motion was made by Newberry,

and 2nd by Olson to accept the bids from W.L. Miller Company and Gray Quarries Inc. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the recent high water level of the Mississippi River. The council feels that it was unusual that the river was able to drop such a significant amount in such a short period of time and wonders if the fact that this happened could affect the water level of the river during future floods.

There is going to be a JULIE meeting in Lewistown, Illinois, on March 1, 2017. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to send city employee Greg Ferrill and pay him mileage if he is willing to attend this meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk