

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on May 24, 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, Chris Classen, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Anne Thompson asked if the agenda could be placed on the city's website. She asked about this at the April 12, 2017, meeting, but it was not put in the minutes. The council does not feel that the agenda needs to be placed on the website at this time. She asked about the police department and how many hours the police officers are providing police protection. She also asked why the part-time officer is also working for Stronghurst and Henderson County. She requested that the April 12, 2017, minutes be amended. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gittings to amend the April 12, 2017, minutes to include that Anne Thompson requested that the agenda be placed on the city's website. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Chris Classen reported on the results from the recent IEPA inspection. There are only a few minor things that need to be addressed, and he is working on getting these done. He discussed fixing the door opener at the old police station.

It was reported that water shut offs were done this week.

The city attorney will have the tentative form of the city's 2017-2018 appropriations ordinance done for the next meeting, and the public hearing for the appropriations ordinance will be held before the regular city council meeting on July 12, 2017.

Discussed the city boat docks. Mayor Six has spoken to the owner of Oquawka Boats. He has suggested that the city have him repair the current walkways instead of making new ones. He has also requested a down payment for the new docks that he is going to be making. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to pay Oquawka Boats \$15,000 as a down payment for the new boat docks they are building for the city. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed selling the old boat docks. It was decided not to sell the current ones at this time and to wait until the new docks arrive to make a decision on what to do with the current ones.

Discussed renewing membership with the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation. The cost of the annual membership is \$1332.45. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to renew the city's annual membership with the Hancock County Economic Development Corporation for \$1332.45. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city attorney has the complaint ready for the city police department to serve to the property owner at 202 West Third Street.

Discussed a property where the grass needs to be mowed.

Discussed vacant buildings in town.

Police Chief Gary Smith has informed Police Commissioner Northup that it appears that the city's former police officers have not been sending in the required reports to the Illinois State Police for several years. In order to be able to file the necessary reports with the Illinois State Police, it is going to require a different type of internet service than what we currently have at the police station. It was also reported that the taser that was approved to be purchased at the last meeting can not be purchased over the internet by the city, and therefore, is going to cost approximately \$300 more.

Discussed having the city attorney send a letter to Ideal Concrete regarding their building on West Second Street that had a door blown off of it recently.

It was reported that Double J Construction's original bid of \$4431.09 for a new metal roof on the city hall/police station building was a non-responsive bid due to confusion with another project at a different location. Double J Construction has re-submitted a new bid of \$5280 for a new metal roof on the city hall/police station building. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the bid of \$5280 from Double J Construction for a new metal roof on the city hall/police station building. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city has received a request from Hancock County Sheriff Scott Bentzinger for a donation for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics next month. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$50 to the Special Olympics Illinois for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed re-painting the parking lines on Oak Street. It was decided to have this done this summer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk