

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on June 14, 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 Doris Harman, Anne Thompson, Doug Erickson, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Doug Erickson gave the council a copy of the updated specifications and estimates for the sewer project. He feels that everything should be ready for the bid letting to take place in mid-September 2017. He discussed other items that need to be placed on the agenda for the June 28, 2017, meeting. He also discussed the need to raise sewer rates as required by the Facilities Plan that was previously approved by the council.

Discussed the sewer lagoon and checking to see if there is a possible need to clean it out.

Mayor Six reported that he has spoken to the owner of Oquawka Boats, and he is hoping to be able to begin construction of the new boat docks soon.

Discussed the police pickup. Bill Hull is going to repair the dent in the pickup. Discussed the need to replace the tires on the police pickup. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to purchase 4 new tires for the police pickup. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave the council a monthly summary report for the month of May 2017. He reported that the new computers are up and running. The new radar unit is still on backorder. It was also reported that the police pickup needs a custom alternator. Melton's Auto has estimated the cost of a custom alternator to be \$300-\$325. It has also been recommended to add a battery tender to the pickup. It was decided to have Melton's do the alternator and battery tender.

Discussed the internet service at the police station. A Static IP Address is required in order to be able to enter data with the Illinois State Police. A business account with Mediacom is required in order to get a Static IP Address. It was decided to update the internet service with Mediacom to a business account.

Warning Systems Specialists has agreed to install the new radar unit when it arrives, as well as making some other necessary repairs and changes to the police pickup.

Discussed removing the emergency equipment from the police car so that it can be saved, and possibly selling the car.

Discussed hiring another police officer.

Discussed making up an impound ordinance. Chief Smith will get a copy of one that he recently wrote up for another city to the city attorney to look over.

Discussed getting a second key made for the police pickup. The council authorized Chief Smith to do this.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to pass Ordinance #630, Ordinance to Adopt Prevailing Wages for 2017. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to approve, in tentative form, Ordinance #631, the Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018, fiscal year. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A public hearing on the above mentioned appropriations ordinance will be held on July 12, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the city hall.

Discussed meeting times and place. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to continue to have the city council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 5 p.m. at the city hall for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Chris Classen reported that there is a minor problem with a lift station that needs to be repaired. He also discussed a problem with the fire hydrants by the funeral home and what he intends to do to solve the problem.

Discussed running an underground electric line from the city hall building to help when electricity is needed outside the building. It was decided not to do this at this time.

Discussed a vacant lot that has not been maintained or mowed by the owner. Also discussed other possible nuisance ordinance violations.

Discussed the water/sewer rates and the need to increase the rate due to the Facilities Plan for the sewer project. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to increase the minimum sewer rate, effective with the August 1, 2017, bills, from \$17.00 to \$28.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water used and from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used in excess of 1,000 gallons, and to leave water rates as is in order to be in compliance with meeting the requirements of the Facilities Plan for the EPA grant that the city has applied for to assist with the funding of the upcoming sewer project. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to increase the rate for dumping into the sewer lagoon from \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$10 per 1,000 gallons effective August 1, 2017. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed getting reimbursed for the cost of Trent Woolson's police schooling.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk