

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 9, 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, Doris Harman, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Anne Thompson asked about a property on East Fifth Street that needs the grass and weeds mowed. She would like for the city to look into getting the property owner to take care of this. Police Chief Smith will look at this property and, if necessary, will contact the city attorney to have a letter sent to the property owner. Discussed other properties in town that appear to be in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Doris Harman asked about the city's ordinance on burning.

Chris Classen reported that he is planning on welding the grate at the intersection of Elm Street and the alley between East Third Street and the railroad.

Discussed a contractor that has recently torn down a couple of houses in town without obtaining the demolition permit that is required by city ordinance so that the water and sewer lines to these properties can be capped off. Police Chief Smith will contact this contractor and inform him that he will be fined if the proper demolition permit is not obtained before he tears down another building in town.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his monthly report for July. He reported that all of the city's current police officers have completed their required weapons qualifications. The hand held radar unit has been ordered and is expected to arrive around September 5. He is going to be ordering winter uniforms for the officers later this month. He feels that a secured drop box needs to be placed at the police department/city hall building so that people can drop off complaints, statements, etc. He would also like to set up a time with Per Mar Security to have someone from the company come and go over the city's security system with him.

Chief Smith reported that he recently attended a meeting of county police chiefs with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Hancock County is planning on transitioning to a StarCom radio system. He will find out more about this and report to the council at a future council meeting.

Discussed dogs running at large.

Mayor Six has spoken to Oquawka Boats, and they told him that they are hoping to have the new boat docks ready in a week or two.

Mayor Six and the City Council would like to THANK the Dallas City Celebration Committee for putting on a great celebration, especially the fireworks display.

City Attorney Eric Icenogle reported that the owner of the property at 202 West Third Street has agreed to clean up the property by the end of August.

Discussed doing an impound ordinance.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to pass Ordinance #636 for the levy and assessment of taxes for the May 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018, fiscal year. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Alex Sherwood has notified the city that he is going to be moving out of the area, but he does have someone else lined up to continue to do the mowing of the city cemetery.

Commissioner Newberry discussed getting more of the radio read water meters installed.

Discussed the rough railroad crossings in town. Mayor Six has contacted the BNSF dispatcher. The dispatcher told him that he would look into the situation. Also discussed contacting the city's federal and state representatives and senators if these crossings are not repaired.

Discussed selling the old boat docks. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed having a fall clean-up. Commissioner Gittings will contact Jackson Disposal to see what dates they have containers available.

Discussed trimming trees that are on city property.

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 6:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk