

The City of Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 23, 2017, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Ruth Higgins, John Stimpson, Chris Classen, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Anne Thompson requested that the ditch along Elm Street be addressed. Commissioner Olson is waiting for a good rain so that he can check on this ditch to better see what the problem is.

Ruth Higgins and John Stimpson appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Riverview Sportsmen Club. Mr. Stimpson gave a presentation regarding the city's boat docks. He then presented the council with a check for \$6,000 from the Dallas City Riverview Sportsmen Club as a donation that is to be used towards the cost of the new boat docks. The Dallas City Council would like to "THANK" the Dallas City Riverview Sportsmen Club for this very generous donation.

Mr. Stimpson also reported that the Dallas City Riverview Sportsmen Club recently put up an observation deck at the Wetlands Area and are planning to put up a solar light shortly to help light this area of the Wetlands Area at night. Their plans also include putting up an informational sign regarding everything at the Wetlands Area.

Chris Classen reported that the new boat docks have arrived. One was put in about 10 days ago and another one this week. He had to repair a curb stand today and is planning on repairing another one this week.

It was reported that the Illinois Bass Association will be in town September 8-9 for a fishing tournament.

Police Chief Gary Smith has been contacted by the Henderson County Probation Department regarding a person that needs to perform community service work. The person would have to be overseen by someone from the city, and therefore, the council decided that they were not interested in taking part in this at this time.

Police Chief Smith reported that the rear antenna of the radar had to be replaced. He has received the contract from Mediacom for the business account that is needed to be able to get the Static IP Address that is required for the internet service to be able to enter data with the Illinois State Police. It is a 3 year contract and the cost is \$5.95 per month. Police Chief Smith has started his recertification training and hopes to have it completed by the end of September. He met with a representative from Per Mar Security last week to go over the city's security system. The representative is coming back this week to finish up.

Police Chief Smith met with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department regarding the StarCom radio system. The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is recommending the dual band system. The cost of these radios, with a 50% discount, is \$3,552 each. This discounted price is good until December 1, 2017. There would also be a \$10 monthly fee, per radio, that includes 30 minutes of actual talk time.

Discussed the procedure for water shut offs. It was decided that once the city employee is given a customer's name to shut off, the customer will be required to pay the \$50 reconnection fee.

Discussed having a fall clean-up. Commissioner Gittings has contacted Jackson Disposal. Fall Clean-Up Days will be held on October 5-8. Dumpsters will be located next to the recycling bin.

Discussed the recent oil and chipping of the city streets.

Discussed putting up signs at the boat docks for "NO SWIMMING" and "NO BOATS LEFT UNATTENDED".

Mayor Six reported that Oquawka Boats was not able to repair the old approach ramps and had to build new ones. The new ones are done and have been delivered. The total cost for the three approach ramps is \$9,000. They also fabricated and attached the old wheels and frames to the new approach ramps and bolted them onto the docks. The cost for doing this is \$1,000. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Oquawka Boats \$10,000 for the new approach ramps, fabricating and attaching the old wheels and frames to the ramps, and bolting them onto the docks. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the StarCom radios for the police department. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to purchase 2 StarCom radios for \$3,552 each. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

It was reported that Double J Construction has ordered the necessary roofing material for the city hall/ police station building and is planning on doing the work either the last week of August or the first week of September. They are also going to do the restroom building at the boat docks at the same time.

Discussed getting more radio read water meters installed.

The city has received a letter from the Henderson County Board stating that they are not going to provide county addressing signs for properties within the city limits.

Discussed purchasing a new police car.

Discussed increasing the amount for water deposits. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to increase the water deposit from \$75 to \$125. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT. The city attorney will be contacted to draw up the necessary ordinance.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk