

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 13, 2017, at 5 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Kevin Six, Finance Commissioner Lila Gittings called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. and Kevin Six were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Jeremy Shipman, Doug Erickson, Gary Smith, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Anne Thompson asked if there was any idea when the work on the ditch along Elm Street might be done. Commissioner Olson explained to Mrs. Thompson that the city's street employee has a couple of other projects to do in that area, and that he is planning on trying to do them at the same time.

Discussed the mowing of the city cemetery.

Discussed a piece of property in town that the city might be interested in purchasing. The property owner will be contacted to see if they are interested in selling it.

The owner of the property at 202 West Third Street has hired someone to demolish the house on the property. The proper demolition permit has been issued, and the house is being torn down. The council gave the city attorney authorization to dismiss the case against the property owner.

Doug Erickson reported that the petition period for the issuance of the bonds for the sewer project has expired with no petitions objecting being filed. He is hoping for the bid letting for the sewer project to be taking place some time in October.

Discussed some other items related to the sewer project.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #637, increasing the water deposit fee to \$125. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his monthly report for the month of August.

Jeremy Shipman discussed a drainage problem in the ditches on both sides of Leinbaugh Street from East Third Street to the railroad tracks. The council will have the city's streets employee check on this.

The Illini West High School Trap Shooting Club has requested a donation. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$100 to the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Club. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed replacing the current police car with a new SUV so that the police department would have 2 vehicles. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk