

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 27, 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 and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Anne Thompson feels that the city cemetery has not been mowed properly lately and that there are several weeds that need to be addressed. Commissioner Newberry has contacted the person that has been contracted to mow the cemetery this year. He has moved out of the area but is hiring someone else to do the mowing. He has told Commissioner Newberry that if the person that he has hired to do the mowing is not doing the job properly, then he will come back and do it himself. Mrs. Thompson asked if bids will be taken next year for the mowing of the cemetery, and the council told her that they plan on advertising for bids next year.

Mrs. Thompson informed the council that there is a dog that is being allowed to run at large by its owner in her neighborhood, and it recently came into her yard and attempted to attack her cat. She also told the council that there is a problem with people parking on the wrong side of the street. Recently, a vehicle that was parked on the wrong side of the street pulled out in front of her and nearly hit her.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that part-time officer Daniel Moore has accepted a full-time position with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. Travis Duffy has informed Chief Smith that he would be interested in working for the city as a part-time police officer after the current harvest season has been completed.

Discussed street lights that need to be addressed. AmerenIllinois will be contacted in regards to these.

Discussed the installation of new radio read water meters. The city's employee had been working on these and has gotten approximately 40 of them installed in the past couple of weeks.

Discussed the problem of another dog, that does not appear to have an owner, running at large in the east end of town. It was decided to contact the Henderson County dog catcher and have him try to catch it.

Discussed a resident that has been burning garbage. Police Chief Smith will contact the resident and inform them that it is an ordinance violation to burn garbage.

It was reported that someone shattered the lid on the stool in the men's restroom at the boat docks.

Discussed the power source at the boat dock restrooms. It appears that it may not be grounded properly. It was decided to have the city employee check on this to see if it is something that he can fix. If it isn't, then the city will contact Max Faul to look at it.

Commissioner Olson has contacted the owner of a piece of property in town that the city might be interested in purchasing. The property owner indicated to him that they might be interested in selling the property to the city.

Discussed purchasing a new police vehicle. Commissioner Northup has gotten a state bid for a 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor, the necessary police package equipment that would be installed by Warning Systems Specialists, and the additional needed vehicle equipment. The total cost of the vehicle, fully equipped, would be \$38,336.49. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to purchase the 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor, fully equipped, for \$38,336.49. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six discussed possibly making an ordinance for the use of ATV's and golf carts on the city's streets. The Village of Lomax recently passed a similar ordinance. The council reviewed a copy of the Village of Lomax's ordinance. Mayor Six will check with the city attorney about this and then discuss it more at the next meeting.

Discussed selling the old boat docks and old police car. Also discussed if there were any other items that the city has that needs to be sold. Mayor Six will check with the city attorney to see what options the city has on how to sell these items.

Discussed putting up another street light at the boat docks. It was discussed that there might be another light already there, but that it just does not work. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Newberry to check on the lights at the boat docks and fix, or replace, any existing lights there. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six reported that Doug Erickson has informed him that everything on the sewer project that can be done has been done, and he is hoping to be able to have the bid letting sometime in October.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to enter executive session to discuss the railroad and personnel. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:44 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:52 p.m.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to hold Trick-Or-Treat on October 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed ordering more radio read water meters. It was decided to order 30 more at a time until the project has been completed.

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 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk