

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 11, 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, Deana Ferrill, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Harold Northup Jr. arrived at 5:01 p.m.

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

Police Chief Gary Smith presented the council with the police department's monthly report for September. The new police car will be picked up October 13 and dropped off in Macomb to have the necessary equipment installed in it. The Starcom radios are at the Hancock County Sheriff's office. We will receive ours as soon as it has been programmed. Chief Smith has completed his mandatory 40 hour refresher course.

The police department will be participating in "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" on October 28, 2017. This is for individuals to return expired or unused prescriptions. It will take place at City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is for "Pills" only and no "Liquids".

Discussed property owners that have been parking vehicles on sidewalks.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a problem with the water salesman, but it has been fixed.

Anne Thompson asked about Trick-Or-Treat. It has been set for October 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She informed the council that the ditch along her property still needs some more work done on it. It appears that only about half of the water is going thru the ditch.

Discussed the cemetery mowing. It does not appear that the weeds have ever been taken care of. It was decided that it would be made clear to whomever gets the mowing bid next year that the weeds will be taken care of.

Commissioner Olson reported that he has spoken to the owner of the piece of property in town that the city might be interested in purchasing, and they are interested in selling it.

Discussed the property at 57 East Fourth Street. The city attorney has sent a letter to the property owner and informed him that this property is in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance.

The city clerk reported that a new checking account has to be established for the upcoming sewer project since grant money is being received for it. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to open a CDBG Sewer Project checking account at the Bank of Stronghurst and require both the Mayor, Kevin Six, and the City Clerk, Steven Vorhies, to sign checks for this account. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Deana Ferrill asked the council to consider making a donation to the Christmas For Kids for their Toys For Tots drive. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$250 to Christmas For Kids for their Toys For Tots drive, \$250 to the Dallas City Kids Christmas with Santa, and \$250 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for their "Project Santa". Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed making an ordinance for the use of ATV's and golf carts on the city's streets. ATV and golf cart owners will be required to purchase a sticker, yearly, to place on their ATV's and golf carts. The yearly fee will be \$60 for owner's under 50 and \$48 for owner's 50 and over. The cost of the sticker will be pro-rated monthly for first time issued stickers. The city attorney will work on getting this ordinance drawn up for the next meeting.

Discussed selling the old boat docks and old police car. It was decided to auction the old boat docks, the old police car, and any other items that the city no longer uses and wants to get rid of. The auction will be held on November 4, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the boat docks.

Discussed checking with Chris Akers to see if he would be willing to put up the city's Christmas lights this year before Thanksgiving.

Discussed dogs running at large.

Discussed updating the codified ordinance book.

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

The meeting entered executive session at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:40 p.m.

Discussed the need to find police officers to work for the city. It was decided to run an ad in newspapers.

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 7:00 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk