

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 8, 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 October 25, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

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

Discussed a bill from Alex Sherwood for the mowing of the city cemetery in September 2017. The city has received a bill for two mowings in September, but it was only done once. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pay Alex Sherwood \$450 for mowing the city cemetery once in September 2017. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six discussed the way things are going to be handled at all future council meetings.

Mayor Six has spoken with a representative from AmerenIllinois regarding the light just south and the light just west of the city boat docks. AmerenIllinois has informed him that neither of the lights are theirs.

Mayor Six also reported that he has spoken to Chris Akers about the city's Christmas lights. Mr. Akers has agreed to put up and take down the city's Christmas lights.

Discussed trimming a tree that is located next to the light just south of the boat docks. It was decided to ask Chris Akers if he would be willing to do this when he comes to town to put up the Christmas lights.

Mayor Six reported that the auction to sell the old police car and the old boat docks was held November 4. The police car sold for \$1,700 and the four boat docks sold for a total of \$2,675.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the police department for the month of October 2017. He has been told that the new police car should be ready by this weekend. He also reported that he has received 3 resumes so far for the police officer openings.

Commissioner Newberry has had a resident tell her that his last water bill was high and that he thinks he must have a water leak. The water had to have gone thru the customer's water meter in order for it to have registered. Therefore, if the large amount of water used was due to a water leak, the leak has to be located where it is the customer's responsibility, not the city's, to fix it.

Chad Passley, C.P.A., has finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year audit. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the city's 2017-2018 fiscal year audit for \$2,850. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass a motor fuel tax resolution for the maintenance of the city's streets in 2018 in the amount of \$50,000. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city clerk has received a phone call from the contractor that is going to be building the Dollar General Store in town. He told the city clerk that plans are to break ground by either the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

Discussed the pump house south of the intersection of West Fourth Street and Sycamore Street. It needs a new roof, siding, and soffits. It was decided to contact a couple of local contractors and get quotes.

Discussed compensating Chris Classen for working for the city when the city's streets employee is on vacation. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Chris Classen \$20 per hour, with a minimum of 1 hour, when he works for the city due to the city's streets employee being on vacation. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the proposed ordinance that the city attorney has drafted to authorize the operation of non-highway vehicles on the city's streets. It was decided to send the city attorney the list of items that the council wants to be added and removed from the draft of the ordinance. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to pass, in tentative form and including the above mentioned added and removed items, Ordinance #638, An Ordinance Authorizing the Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles in the City of Dallas City. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the property that the city is interested in purchasing. It was decided to contact the owner to see if they would be willing to accept less.

Mayor Six reported that someone has offered the city riprap to use.

Discussed giving a Christmas bonus to the city's employees. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to give a \$125 bonus to full-time employees, a \$75 bonus to part-time employees, and to pay the employee's share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the city's electricity contract. The city has been contacted by two companies. Both companies are working on quotes for the city.

A representative from Carson Ford is planning on being at the next meeting to discuss a proposal for a new police pickup.

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 6:52 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk