

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on November 22, 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, Dorn Luder, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that he has ordered the stickers for the ATV's/Golf Carts. He is planning on participating with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department's Food & Toy Drive on November 26. The police department's cell phone has had to be replaced with a new one. Police Chief Smith also reported that he has received some resumes for the positions of full and part-time police officer. He is planning on doing interviews as soon as possible. The new police car has been finished and is being used.

Dorn Luder discussed the street light at 310 East Fourth Street. This street light was recently replaced by AmerenIllinois, and the new light does not light up nearly as big of an area as the old light did. Mr. Luder asked if this light could be replaced with a different one that would light up a larger area. The city will contact AmerenIllinois.

It was reported that water shut offs were done this week.

Chris Akers is planning on putting up the city's Christmas lights on November 25.

Discussed having a Christmas party for the city employees and council members.

Discussed the property at 40 West Second Street that the city is interested in purchasing from Hights Ready Mix Inc. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to offer Hights Ready Mix Inc. \$23,000 for the property located at 40 West Second Street in Dallas City. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the city building at 380 Oak Street. There appears to be some electrical work that needs to be done in it. It was decided to contact Max Faul and have him check on this and let the city know what needs to be done.

Discussed the pump house south of the intersection of West Fourth Street and Sycamore Street. It appears that the building needs a new roof, soffits repaired, and possibly new siding. Chris Classen has informed Mayor Six that this building could eventually be torn down, but that it is needed right now. Discussed patching the roof instead of putting on a new roof. Also, discussed allowing someone to do the work if they do not have liability insurance. The city attorney has informed the council that if they do allow this, they should require the person to sign an agreement that would indemnify the city. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed amendments to the non-highway vehicle use ordinance. It was decided not to act on passing this ordinance until the city attorney can be asked a few questions.

Discussed a letter from TEST Inc. reminding the city that there will be a 3.5% increase for their services beginning January 1, 2018. This will make their monthly fee \$4,504.14.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to pay the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District \$2,940.10 for the 2% Fire Tax that the city has received from the State of Illinois. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed a proposal for electricity rates. The city's current contract runs thru February 2019. It was decided to table this and get a new proposal in a few months.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk