

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on December 13, 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, Doug Erickson, Ron Frericks, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, Skylar Bruenger, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to pay bills, plus \$20 to Mike Thompson for picking up the Christmas candy. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Doug Erickson reported on the sewer project. The project is ready to be bid out. The tentative date for the bid opening is February 8, 2018. He hopes that the project work will be able to begin in May 2018, or sooner if the IEPA gets everything approved sooner.

Ron Frericks of QFB Energy appeared regarding the city's electricity contract. The city's current contract with Nordic Energy does not expire until February 2019. Mr. Frericks gave the council a pricing proposal that would go into effect in March 2019 after the current contract expires. He feels that the proposed rates are very attractive. He presented the council with proposals from six different companies:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Term & Price</u>		
Constellation Energy	12 month \$0.05335	24 month \$0.05376	36 month \$0.05399
AEP Energy	12 month \$0.05280	24 month \$0.05442	36 month \$0.05599
Nordic Energy	12 month \$0.05330	22 month \$0.05362	
Homefield Energy	12 month \$0.05526	24 month \$0.05520	33 month \$0.05604
Direct Energy	12 month \$0.05523	24 month \$0.05528	36 month \$0.05637
Energy.Me	12 month \$0.06114	24 month \$0.06082	30 month \$0.06148

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to sign an agreement with Constellation Energy for 36 months at the rate of \$0.05399 per kilowatt hour starting in March 2019. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that he has gotten the stickers that will be used for the ATV's/Golf Carts. He introduced Skylar Bruenger to the council. Mr. Bruenger will be working for the city as a part-time police officer after he has completed his required 40 hour police training course. It appears that this required course is going to be offered in March 2018.

An employment agreement has been drawn up that requires an employee of the city's police department to reimburse the city for the cost of his or her schooling if he or she does not work for the city at least two years after completing his or her schooling. Mr. Bruenger has signed this agreement.

Police Chief Smith informed the council that he will be able to start working full-time for the city approximately February 24, 2018.

Discussed the lighting at the boat docks. There is a flood light in the southwest corner of the parking lot, but it is not working. It will be checked to see if it belongs to the city or Ameren Illinois.

Chris Classen reported that there had been back-ups in two of the lift stations, and that he had to have Keith Durand pump them out.

Discussed replacing the roof on the pump house south of the intersection of West Fourth Street and Sycamore Street. Mr. Classen feels that it would cost a lot more to move the pumps out of the building than it would to do the necessary repairs to the pump house. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to contact Stanley Johnson to see what he would charge to do the necessary work and have him do it if he would do it for \$1,600.00 or less. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup NAY.

Discussed a resident that has garbage that needs to be addressed.

Mayor Six has spoken to Ameren Illinois about the street light at 310 East Fourth Street. Ameren Illinois told him that they only use LED lights now and that they can't put in an old type of bulb that would light up a bigger area.

Mayor Six read a "THANK YOU" from the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization for the city's donation to their "Project Santa". They were able to raise over \$13,000.00 this year.

Discussed the property at 40 West Second Street. Ideal Ready Mix Company, Inc. D/B/A Haight's Ready Mix, Inc. has agreed to sell the property to the city for \$23,000.00. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to pass Ordinance #638 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate at 40 West Second Street. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign a "Contract For Sale Of Real Estate" to purchase the property at 40 West Second Street from Ideal Ready Mix Company, Inc. D/B/A Haight's Ready Mix, Inc. for \$23,000.00. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #639, An Ordinance Authorizing the Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles in the City of Dallas City. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Smith will be doing inspections and issuing stickers for ATV's/Golf Carts at the city maintenance building (old bus barn) on December 30 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Discussed signing an intergovernmental agreement between the Dallas City Police Department and Illini West High School for a “Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Activity. This will be discussed more at a later date after the city attorney has gone over it with the police chief.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pass a Resolution to adopt the Hancock County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed purchasing some trash cans to put around town.

Discussed adding the new boat docks to the city's insurance.

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