

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on February 28, 2018, 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 Deana Ferrill, Anne Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Doug Erickson, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2018, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Deana Ferrill informed the council that the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the local children is going to take place on March 31, 2018. She asked the council if they would be willing to make a donation for this years event. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$225 to Deana Ferrill for the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Anne Thompson asked the council if they were going to require the cemetery mower to do things like cleaning up brush, spraying weeds, etc. or if they were only going to have to mow the grass. She also asked about the toilet in the men's restroom at the boatdocks that needs to be repaired.

Ryan Thompson asked about the old Legion building. The city attorney reported that he has never heard back from the property owner. The council gave the city attorney authorization to pursue this matter further.

Discussed the flushing of the city's fire hydrants. Chris Classen feels that he will be able to flush them after normal business hours. He does want to talk to someone at Dallas Rural Water District to make sure that he doesn't do it at a time when the extra water usage could cause a problem for them.

Mr Thompson would like for the council to adopt some kind of policy for the flushing of the fire hydrants. The council decided to try and have the fire hydrants flushed twice a year.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a water main break at the intersection of Cottonwood Street and West Third Street this week. There have been previous breaks in the main at this same location. He feels that if this main breaks again at this location, a new water line will have to be placed under the highway. He also reported that the city's cutting torch is not working and the pump for the trash pump needs to be repaired.

Doug Erickson reported that the bid letting for the city's sewer improvement project took place on February 15. The following bids were received:

Benchmark Construction Co., Inc. of Bartlett, IL	\$1,592,920.00
Hoerr Construction, Inc. of Goodfield, IL	967,278.80
Insituform Technologies USA, LLC of Chesterfield, MO	949,275.40
Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC of East St. Louis, IL	968,844.20

Benton & Associates, Inc. has evaluated the bids and recommends that the city award the contract to Insituform Technologies USA, LLC, for \$949,275.40. Mr Erickson feels that we are looking at a

project start date sometime in May or June this year and completion in approximately 9-10 months after the start date. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to approve the low bid of \$949,275.40 from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC and issue the Notice of Intent to Award to them. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that he started working full-time for the city on February 27. He will be attending a Transition Course the next two weeks. Scott Rosson has started working part-time for the city as a police officer. He also reported that Per Mar Securities has been in town this week checking on the city's security system and repairing a couple of problems.

Discussed city employees driving a city vehicle when going home for lunch. The council does not feel that this is an issue.

Discussed how long a property owner should have to clean up the property after a fire.

Discussed an intergovernmental agreement for the reciprocal reporting of criminal activity between the Illini West High School District #307, City of Carthage, City of Dallas City, City of La Harpe, and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Northup to adopt this intergovernmental agreement for the reciprocal reporting of criminal activity for the Illini West High School District #307. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed replacing the curb stand at 381 East Third Street when the weather warms up. Chris Classen is hoping to be able to do this during the upcoming sewer project.

Discussed trash cans. Mayor Six is hoping to have an estimate from Oquawka Boats for the next meeting. Also discussed possibly purchasing trash can holders.

Discussed installing a street light on East Second Street west of Chestnut Street.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Gittings to pass Ordinance #641, An Ordinance Addressing the Payment of Cable Television Franchise Fees to the City of Dallas City. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Bids were to be opened for the mowing of the city cemetery, but no bids were received. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk