

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on August 14, 2019, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, David Monti, Doug Erickson, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2019, meeting. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

David Monti discussed his retaining wall that needs to be replaced. He is planning on installing a new concrete retaining wall. He would also like to replace his sidewalk and install culverts in the ditch along his property. He asked if the city would provide the concrete for the sidewalk and install the culverts. The council informed Mr. Monti that the city does have a policy of paying for the concrete to replace sidewalks and the property owner is responsible for paying for the labor. The council will have the city's street employee look at the ditch to see if culverts are needed.

Doug Erickson reported that Benton & Associates is at a standstill with the CGB Enterprises project involving West First Street. He also reported on the sewer project. The contractor is still working on the grouting portion of the contract. The portion of the contract involving the street work to be done on East Fourth Street has been completed.

Anne Thompson discussed a problem with her property behind Linn Street. Police Chief Gary Smith has contacted the parent of the person that apparently caused the problem. The parent is addressing this. Mrs. Thompson would like to have had the problem dealt with sooner.

Chris Classen reported that the pump at the old sewer plant is working again, but that there is still one in a lift station that needs replaced. He is working on evaluating the fire hydrants in town. He has checked with the Dallas Rural Water District regarding their water supply. They are still running low on water. Therefore, the hydrants are not going to be able to be flushed until the Dallas Rural Water District is able to supply the city with enough water.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave the July report for the police department. The department has enacted the new Rules, Policies, and Procedures Manual as validated by the city attorney. Officer Hannah Brown has begun patrolling, and Chief Smith has received her waiver back from the training and standards board. Chief Smith is also working with the WIRC to complete the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for a new squad vehicle and supportive agreement.

Chief Smith is working on getting the required information to proceed with a grant application for AED units for the squad vehicles and possibly an extra one to be kept at the police station.

Chief Smith reported that during the recent flooding the DVR unit at the boat docks was under water and is no longer operational. He would like permission to contact PerMar about replacing the DVR and request two additional cameras to provide a better view of the boat ramp area and the south parking lot. The council gave Chief Smith permission to contact PerMar regarding a new DVR and two additional cameras.

Commissioner Northup reported that garage door openers are not available that work on the garage doors of the new garage at the police station/city hall. In order to be able to use door openers, the garage doors would have to be replaced. This will be looked into.

Mayor Six met with FEMA and IEMA representatives this week regarding the recent flood damages to properties in town. They are currently waiting for the President to declare our area a Federal Disaster Area.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #650 to eliminate the Class A liquor license and lower the annual fee of the Class A-1 liquor license from \$2,000 to \$1,000, effective July 1, 2020. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city attorney discussed dismissing three outstanding cannabis ordinance violations due to the upcoming changes in the Illinois Laws. It was decided to dismiss these three outstanding cannabis ordinance violations.

The city attorney reported that she has not been able to locate the property owner of 57 East Fourth Street regarding the ordinance violation, and she is also working on finding the owners of other properties in town that are safety hazards.

Discussed updating the city's codified ordinance book. The estimated cost to do this is \$10,000-\$15,000.

Discussed Mayor Six going to the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago September 19-21. The 3 day registration fee is \$365 and hotel rooms are approximately \$90 per night. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to send Mayor Six to the Illinois Municipal League Conference and pay for his registration fee and hotel room. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to pay the Illinois Municipal League \$75 for a Newly Elected Officials Workshop. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed parking on Oak Street. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed amending the current ordinance to eliminate the "NO USE" of firearms on certain properties within the city limits that are possible hunting areas. The city attorney and police chief will work on this.

Discussed buildings in town that need to be addressed.

Discussed the toilets at the boat docks. They are not in working condition. Two porta potties have been rented for the remainder of the boating season.

Discussed a letter that the city has received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources stating that the city would qualify for funds from the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program. Under this program, the city would have to purchase the property from the current property owner, and then the city would possibly be reimbursed.

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

The meeting entered executive session at 6:47 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:03 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk