

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on November 13, 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, Deana Ferrill, Peggy Newberry, Mike and Tammi May, Doug Erickson, and Kenny Foster.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the October 23, 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.

Deana Ferrill requested that the council consider making a donation to the Christmas For Kids for their Toys For Tots drive. She reported that they were able to help 84 children last year. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$400 to the Christmas For Kids. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Peggy Newberry asked about the recently passed ordinance that authorizes the discharge of firearms and other weapons within the city limits. She also asked if it allows a person to shoot a varmint, such as a raccoon, on their property. The council informed her that this ordinance does not allow this. The ordinance prohibits the discharge of a shotgun using slug shells, a rifle, or handgun within 300 yards of any inhabited dwelling or a shotgun using shot shells or any archery weapon within 100 yards of any inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner or tenant.

Mike and Tammi May appeared before the council to request a liquor license for their new business, The Clinic Bar & Grill. They requested a Class A-1 license that allows the business to be open until 2 a.m. on Monday thru Saturday and midnight on Sundays. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to approve the request and issue a Class A-1 liquor license to The Clinic Bar & Grill. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Officer Kenny Foster gave the police report for the month of October. The rear tires on the police pickup had to be replaced. He reported that Officer Brown has been confirmed for the Transition Course in December. Police Chief Smith has been informed by Western Illinois Regional Council that the city is only eligible for a \$15,000 police vehicle grant from the USDA. The members of the police department recently participated in a county-wide mandatory training on the Illinois Vehicle Code legal update. The DVR system at the boat docks is working again and 2 new cameras have been added.

Doug Erickson reported that he is working on the paperwork to finish the sewer project. He also discussed a meeting that is being held this week with the Economic Development Administration and Western Illinois Regional Council regarding EDA funding opportunities. Mr. Erickson and Mayor Six are planning on attending this meeting.

Commissioner Gittings reported that the cemetery was mowed last week. This should be the last time it needs it this year.

Discussed putting the Christmas lights up. It was decided to contact Chris Akers to see if he would be willing to do it again this year for the city.

Mayor Six reported that it appears that there is a possibility that buy outs are going to be available thru the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for residents that live in the flood plain. He is hoping to get more information on this sometime this week.

Discussed filling the vacancy on the city council created by the death of Commissioner Esther Newberry. Mayor Six nominated Carol McDowell to fill this vacancy. The council will act on this nomination at the next meeting.

Discussed a property on East First Street that was recently dozed in and burned. A demolition permit was issued for this. The city employee will be asked to make sure that the sewer was capped off.

Chad Passley, C.P.A., has finished the 2018-2019 fiscal year audit. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit for \$3,000. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$650 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$150 to the Dallas City American Legion to help reimburse them for their costs of serving hot dogs on Trick-Or-Treat night. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk