

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 11, 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, Ryan Thompson, 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 November 27, 2019, meeting. Gittings, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to pay bills, with the exception of a bill for \$420 from Durand Septic Service. The city clerk will contact Durand Septic Service to find out what this bill is for. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave the police department's monthly report for November 2019. Officer Hannah Brown is scheduled to complete her Transition Course this week. The inventory and organization of the Evidence Room has been completed, and items not associated with any current or former cases will be destroyed. The pest inspection on the city hall/police department building has been completed. Chief Smith presented the council with a contract proposal from Reliable Pest Control for future treatments. This item was tabled until a later date. The application for a \$2,500 Walmart Community Grant has been completed. If awarded this grant, the funds will be used to complete the office expansion for the police department.

Chris Classen reported that he has gotten an estimate from Mississippi Valley Pump to rebuild a sewer lift station pump that would be used as a backup pump. The estimate is for \$4,050. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to have Mississippi Valley Pump rebuild the sewer lift station pump for \$4,050. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mr. Classen also reported that the city needs to get a new air compressor for the sewer lift station at the old sewer plant. He is estimating that the cost of a new air compressor will be less than \$400. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to purchase a new air compressor for the sewer lift station at the old sewer plant. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Doug Erickson reported that he is working on the final paperwork to close out the recently completed sewer project. Discussed possible grant funding for the boat dock ramps and the next sewer project, including the relocation of the sewer lift stations that are currently located in a flood plain. Discussed an Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant that might be available. Mr. Erickson recommended not applying for this grant because he does not feel that there would be a very good chance of the city being accepted since this type of grant is usually only awarded for inside facilities.

Discussed a tree that was recently blown over and is currently blocking the sidewalk. The city attorney will contact the property owner.

Discussed street lights that are out. The police chief will report these to Ameren Illinois.

Mayor Six reported that he recently met with FEMA representatives regarding flood issues including the boat docks, rest rooms, lift stations, and other items that are in a flood plain.

Discussed grant money that might be available to help with the cost of tearing down some of the vacant buildings in town that are falling in.

Discussed the proposed ambulance agreement with the Hancock County EMS. The city attorney has informed the Hancock County EMS that the council wants to know more about this. Their representative told her that they want a list of the council's questions. The city attorney is going to notify the Hancock County EMS and request that one of their representatives attend the city council meeting on January 8, 2020.

Discussed the vacancy on the city council created by the death of Commissioner Esther Newberry. Mayor Six has nominated Carol McDowell to fill this vacancy on the council. After discussing this issue, Mayor Six called for a roll call on his nomination. The results of the roll call were as follows: Gittings – AYE, Northup – AYE, and Olson – AYE. Carol McDowell will fill the vacancy on the city council until April 2021. A special election will be required in April 2021 to fill the remaining two years of this commissioner's seat, only, on the council.

Discussed the issue of a broken water line from the water main to a building/house, and the fact that the line from the water main to the building/house is the property owner's responsibility, and not the city's.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk