

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 18, 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 Carole McDowell, Anne Thompson, LeAnn Kennedy, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2019, meeting. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city clerk swore in Carole McDowell as commissioner. She is filling the vacancy that was created by the death of Commissioner Esther Newberry. She will serve as commissioner until April 2021. A special election will then be held in April 2021 to fill the remaining two years of the term.

LeAnn Kennedy informed the council that she is looking into purchasing the old high school buildings. Her intentions are to open a couple of different businesses in the buildings, including a cannabis business and some kind of recreation center for the area children. The council supports her doing this, if possible, but they would like for Mrs. Kennedy to speak to the city attorney to make sure that there would not be any problems with her intentions.

Mayor Six met with a representative from the Brownsfield Network regarding the demolition of the building at 396 Oak Street. The Brownsfield Network representative inspected the property. Mayor Six feels that there is a good chance that the demolition of this property will qualify for assistance from the Brownfield Network.

Mayor Six also recently met with representatives from FEMA regarding the reimbursement of flood expenses that the city incurred this year.

The city clerk has contacted Durand Septic Service regarding the invoice that was in question at the last meeting. They are looking into it and will get back to the city clerk.

Discussed the tree that recently was blown down and is laying across the sidewalk. The council feels that at least the portion of the tree that is blocking the sidewalk needs to be removed. Mayor Six will talk to the city streets employee to see if the city has a big enough chainsaw to cut this tree. If they don't, it was decided to contact some people in the area that might have one that is big enough to see if the city could hire them to do it.

Discussed the proposed ambulance agreement with the Hancock County EMS. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Mayor Six informed the council that there is an Economic Development Seminar in Springfield, IL, in March that he would like to attend. The registration fee is \$170. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Northup to send Mayor Six to the Economic Development Seminar in Springfield, IL, in March. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed giving a Christmas bonus to the city's employees. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gittings to give a \$125 bonus to full-time employees, a \$75 bonus to part-time employees, and to pay the employee's share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed the flag pole light at city hall. It appears to not be working. Discussed the options of different kinds of lights that could be used. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to install a direct light on the flag pole at city hall. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed getting a United States flag and a State of Illinois flag for inside the city hall.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk