

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on January 8, 2020, at 5 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Kevin Six, Finance Commissioner Lila Gittings called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Ryan Thompson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2019, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that he has received the 2020 Non-Highway Vehicle Permits. He has scheduled a permit day for February 1, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the police station. Officer Hannah Brown has received her waiver from the ILETSB, and Chief Smith has submitted a request for reimbursement for her transition training.

Chief Smith also reported that he may know someone that is interested in working as a part-time police officer. If he is, he will need to take the necessary courses. Chief Smith will talk to the gentleman and see if he is still interested.

It was reported that the city's street employee was able to remove the tree that fell down off of the sidewalk. He has also worked on the grate in the alley between East Third Street and the railroad next to Elm Street and repaired it the best that he can.

Discussed running an ad for the mowing of the city cemetery. It was decided to make it mandatory that trimming and picking up sticks and tree limbs be done each time the cemetery is mowed. Bids will be opened at the February 12, 2020, meeting.

Discussed removing some dead trees in the cemetery.

Discussed sending Commissioner McDowell to the Rural Community Economic Development Conference in February. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to send Commissioner McDowell to the Rural Community Economic Development Conference and pay for her Conference Fee of \$175 and hotel room. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed a water service that was shut off for non-payment.

Ryan Thompson asked about someone purchasing the old high school building and using it for a cannabis business. The council does not know if this is going to happen or not. He also asked about possibly having a part-time building inspector to help keep the buildings in town from becoming run down.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk