

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on February 12, 2020, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Carole McDowell, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Michelle Gold, Chris Classen, LeAnn Kennedy, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2020, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

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

Michelle Gold asked about putting her name on the city's Menards account so that items for the city celebration can be purchased with the city's tax exempt status. The council does not have a problem with the celebration committee purchasing their items under the city's account for tax exempt status, but it was decided to have her get the city's credit card and use it.

Chris Classen reported that the seal kits for the lift station pumps have not arrived yet. He is also going to have to purchase some relays for the lift stations.

LeAnn Kennedy discussed the old high school building. She and a group of investors are working on purchasing the property. She discussed some of the things that they are thinking about doing with the property if they get it bought. Their plans include using it for a cannabis distribution center and possibly some kind of youth center.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of January. All three police officers are going to be participating in a mandatory domestic violence training exercise in Macomb on February 13 and a mandatory control and arrest tactics at the Hancock County Sheriff's Office on February 17. Chief Smith will also be attending a Sexual Assault Response Team Meeting in Macomb on February 21.

Chief Smith also is getting training material from the Illinois ABATE about motorcycle awareness. Once this has been completed, he will contact the Illini West High School and request an opportunity to make a presentation to the current Driver's Education Class in association with the LaMoine Valley ABATE.

Chief Smith reported that the touchscreen display for the in-car video system in the Explorer police car needs to be replaced. The replacement cost, including a replacement cable, is \$770. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to purchase a new touchscreen display and replacement cable for the Explorer police car for \$770. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The Uniform Crime Reporting will be transitioning to the National Incident-Based Reporting System. The Illinois State Police and FBI are providing a free 2-day class for reporting agencies in Springfield, Illinois, on April 20-21. Chief Smith requested permission to attend this 2-day class and asked for the council to pay for his hotel room for 2 nights. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to have Chief Smith attend this 2-day class and to pay for his hotel room for 2 nights. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Chief Smith is going to be meeting with a gentleman on Friday regarding possible grants that are available for a new police vehicle.

Mayor Six reported that he and the city attorney have been working on paperwork for FEMA regarding possible flood prevention for the city.

A representative from an abatement/demolition contractor is scheduled to be in town February 17 to look at the property at 396 Oak Street and make a recommendation concerning the asbestos. It appears that the building is going to be torn down, but that the city may be required to haul it away.

Discussed logging the area around the water tank. A tree buyer has looked at the area, but he has never gotten back to the city. Mayor Six will check on this.

Mayor Six asked for the council to send him to an upcoming flood report meeting in Quincy. There is a \$50 registration fee. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by McDowell to send Mayor Six to the flood report meeting and pay his \$50 registration fee. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A letter from the Illini West High School Post Prom Committee was read requesting a donation. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$325 to the Illini West High School Post Prom. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Bids for the 2020 mowing of the city cemetery were opened. The following bids were received:

Inmanz Lawn Care	\$310 per mowing
Cutting Edge Lawncare	\$280 per mowing
Lain & Son	\$650 per mowing

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Gittings to accept the bid of Cutting Edge Lawncare for \$280 per mowing for the 2020 mowing of the city cemetery. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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 5:57 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk