

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on February 25, 2020, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Carole McDowell, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Josh Grisham, Scott Bentzinger, Lee Wibbell, LeAnn Kennedy, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2020, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Hancock County Sheriff Scott Bentzinger appeared to try and answer any questions that the council might have regarding the new cannabis laws. He reported that the Hancock County Board has voted to not allow any dispensaries in the non-incorporated areas of Hancock County.

Josh Grisham appeared on behalf of the Village of Lomax regarding Dallas City's non-highway vehicles ordinance. The Village of Lomax would like to have a reciprocal agreement with the City of Dallas City that would allow Lomax non-highway vehicle permits to be honored by the City of Dallas City and Dallas City's permits to be honored by the Village of Lomax. Police Chief Smith reported that the Dallas City Police Department currently honors the Village of Lomax permits. It was decided to have the city attorney draw up an amended non-highway vehicle ordinance that includes a reciprocal agreement with the Village of Lomax to honor their non-highway vehicle permits.

Lee Wibbell shared information with the council regarding the upcoming Illini West referendum that will be voted on March 17, 2020.

LeAnn Kennedy gave the council an update on her proposed business project involving the old high school building.

Commissioner McDowell reported that water shut offs were done this week. The council discussed the city's current ordinance that calls for a water service to be shut off if the bill is not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to amend Ordinance #600 so that a water service is shut off if the bill is not paid by the last day of the month. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Six recently attended a meeting regarding the Projections and Estimates for the Mississippi River this year. It was reported that there is a very good chance that the river will reach a "Major" flood level this year in our area. The first major flood crest is estimated for March 17. Mayor Six also saw a video of a sand bag machine that might be available for the city's use. He is going to check to see if it will be possible for the city to use one of these machines this year.

Mayor Six reported on a recent meeting with a FEMA representative regarding the possible reimbursement of the city's 2019 flood expenses.

Police Chief Smith informed the council that there is going to be a special meeting on March 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. after the regular council meeting regarding a USDA Grant for a new police car.

Discussed the building at 396 Oak Street. It appears that the building is going to get torn down.

Mayor Six read a letter from the Dallas City Elementary School's PTO requesting a donation for their upcoming Penny Carnival. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to donate \$100 to the the Dallas City Elementary School's PTO for their upcoming Penny Carnival. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to adjourn the meeting. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk