

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on March 25, 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 Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Northup to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2020, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that the police department is taking all possible precautions during this time of the Coronavirus. He is still waiting for a response from the police car grant application. The police department has offered to deliver items from the local food pantry to Dallas City residents that can't get out during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Mayor Six has received a phone call from a gentleman in Florida who says that he has purchased the old high school property. He informed Mayor Six that he is working on getting someone to board up the first floor broken windows and chain the doors so that no one can get into the building.

Mayor Six reported that it appears that more flood funds are possibly going to be available.

Discussed purchasing a skid loader. The council feels that it would be better to purchase a new one instead of a used one. It was decided to contact a local dealer to see if there is any kind of state program that offers discounts on skid loaders.

Mayor Six has contacted the Illinois Department of Transportation about the hole along Highway 9 & 96 at the Dollar General entrance/exit. They are suppose to be taking a look at it and getting it fixed.

It was discovered after the last meeting that Ordinance #652, that was passed making water service for a bill that is not paid by the last day of the month subject to being shut off, had a mistake in it. Therefore, the city attorney has drawn up a new ordinance to correct this mistake. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to pass Ordinance #654, to amend Ordinance #652, and make water service subject to being shut off if the bill is not paid by the last day of the month. If water service is shut off for non-payment, there will be a \$50 reconnect fee that must be paid, in addition to the amount of the unpaid bill, in order to get the water turned back on. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed having a cannabis ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to prohibit the sale of legal, recreational cannabis within the City of Dallas City's city limits. This does not prohibit the sale of CBD items at the convenience stores within the city limits. Gittings, Northup, and Olson AYE. McDowell NAY.

Discussed proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control for the spraying of weeds and other vegetation control around city property. The proposed cost for around the city cemetery fences, along Oak Street, along the guard rails west of the old high school, around the bridges on First Street, and around the city's maintenance buildings is \$460. The proposed cost for around the sewer lagoon is \$365. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to accept both proposals from Land & Water Vegetation Control for a total of \$825. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk