

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on April 8, 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 Tammi May and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2020, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of March 2020. He and Mayor Six will have a conference call with the USDA on April 9 regarding the police vehicle grant that the city has applied for. All of the city's police officers will be completing a TASER Recertification course on April 18. Chief Smith asked for the council's approval to purchase a new squad vehicle and equipment once it has been verified that the city has been approved to receive the USDA Grant that has been applied for. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by Olson to give Police Chief Gary Smith permission to pursue purchasing a new police vehicle as soon as it has been verified that the USDA Grant that the city has applied for has been approved. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed delinquent water bills and shutting service off for non-payment. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Gittings to shut off, but not charge the \$50 reconnect fee, the water service for customers that have not paid their bill by the last day of the month, until further notice due to the coronavirus epidemic. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Tammi May discussed their liquor license installment payment for the The Clinic Bar & Grill. Due to the Governor's order, they are not allowed to have the bar portion of their business open to customers, and they do not sell alcohol for carryout. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to forego the fourth quarter liquor license installment payment for The Clinic Bar & Grill until the Governor's order that doesn't allow the bar portion of their business to be open to customers is lifted. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Commissioner Gittings reported that the cemetery has been mowed and that it looks like a very good job was done by the contractor.

The ditch by the city hall/police station has been addressed by the streets employee.

Mayor Six reported that the forecast is for the river to rise to around 18 feet and then begin to fall. It does not appear that there is going to be a need for sandbagging at this time.

Discussed getting a skid loader and possibly just renting one, when needed, instead of purchasing one. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Discussed the ditches along Leinbaugh Street and Pine Street. Also, discussed culverts and grates around town that appear to need to be repaired or replaced. Discussed possibly purchasing a device to clean out culverts.

Discussed making an ordinance to require dog owners to pick-up their dog's feces when it is not on their property. The city attorney will be contacted about drawing up such an ordinance.

Discussed helping a property owner who is putting in a new sidewalk, from the main sidewalk in front of his property to his house, by paying for the concrete. The city's current policy is to pay for the concrete to replace the main sidewalks in front of a person's property, but not a sidewalk from the main sidewalk to the house. Therefore, the council decided that the city should not pay for the concrete for this project.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing city personnel. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to increase the salaries of Greg Ferrill and Steve Vorhies to \$18 per hour, effective the first pay period in April 2020. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2nd by McDowell to increase the salary of Karen Northup to \$125 per month, effective the first pay period in April 2020. Gittings, McDowell, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

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 6:34 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk