

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on May 13, 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, Ryan Thompson, Gary Smith, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the April 22, 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 April 2020. The department is receiving a \$1,000 grant from Country Financial and a \$300 grant from the Hancock County Planning Committee. Both grants will be used towards the completion of the police office expansion that was started last year. The USDA grant for a new police vehicle has been approved. The grant money will be received after they receive confirmation that the new vehicle has been purchased. The Police Department will be providing a police escort for the Illini West High School Graduating Class Parade through town on May 16.

Anne Thompson discussed two dead trees in the cemetery that appear to need to be removed. Mayor Six will check on this. She also asked about the city website. Chris Greenhalge is suppose to be working on this. The city clerk will contact him.

Ryan Thompson asked about the status of the old Legion Hall building. The city attorney reported that she has not been able to do anything lately since the courthouse has been closed due to the COVID-19 virus. She is planning on proceeding with this as soon as the courthouse re-opens.

Discussed getting the garage at city hall wired and running a wire to the front of the property so that a spotlight can be installed for the flagpole. The mayor will contact Max Faul to see if he is still planning on doing this or if he wants the city to find someone else to do the work.

Discussed the ordinance to prohibit the sale of legal, recreational cannabis within the city limits. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

The city attorney reported that she is working on getting the rough draft of the updated codified ordinance book done.

Discussed properties in town that need to be mowed.

Mayor Six read a "Thank You" from the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry for the city's recent donation and Police Chief Smith's offer to deliver food to local residents.

Discussed making an ordinance that would require someone that drives around barricades that are blocking off a street due to flooding pay a fine, as well as, pay for any damages to properties that result from it. The city attorney informed the council that this is considered a moving violation, and, therefore, a city ordinance can not be done.

Discussed having spring clean-up days and requiring proof of residency in order to be able to use the dumpsters. Also, discussed having clean-up days on a Saturday thru Tuesday, instead of Thursday thru Sunday. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to have Spring Clean-Up Days on May 30 and 31 and June 1 and 2. If dumpsters are not available on these days, do it on June 6, 7, 8, and 9. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed a tree that needs to be removed by the recreation park.

Discussed the erosion of the river bank along First Street.

Commissioner McDowell reported that she has had someone contact her about being interested in some of the brick from the old Hagy's building.

Discussed the city's Bereavement Policy. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to allow a city employee three (3) days of paid bereavement due to the death of an immediate family member. The following will be considered immediate family members: Spouse, Parents, Step-Parents, Children, Step-Children, Grandparents, Grandchildren, Siblings, Father-In-Law, Mother-In-Law, Son-In-Law, and Daughter-In-Law. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk