

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 9, 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, Doris Harman, John Stimpson, Cathie Smith, Chris Classen, Doug Erickson, Greg Hillis, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2020, meeting. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Anne Thompson discussed fall clean-up days. Commissioner Gittings will contact Jackson Disposal to see what dates in October they have dumpsters available.

Doris Harman discussed a quilt that shows some Dallas City history that is currently located in the Dallas City Township building. She asked that if something would ever happen to this township building, would the city be willing to take it and display it at city hall. The council informed Mrs. Harman that the city would be happy to do this.

John Stimpson discussed the water and sewer lines and who is responsible for the lines from the mains to the property lines. The city attorney will be contacted regarding this. He also discussed the trees along the state highways and who is responsible for taking care of them. Due to an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6, the city is responsible for the trees along Highway 9 south of the 4-way stop and along Highway 9 & 96 west of the 4-way stop. IDOT is still responsible for the ones in District 4, along Highway 96 east of the 4-way stop.

Doug Erickson and Greg Hillis discussed the city boat docks and a Boat Access Grant that might be available. Maintenance work on existing boat docks does not qualify for this grant. The main question is whether the state would consider the work that the city is wanting done to be maintenance or not. Also discussed some other options. This will be discussed more at a later date.

The warranty inspections of the sewer lines that were repaired last year were done last week.

Chris Classen reported that the dialer on a lift station didn't call him during the last power outage. He discovered that the dialer has gone bad. He is working on getting it repaired. Discussed the water line replacement project on Poplar Street and what he is planning on doing. He is currently just waiting on some parts before the project can be completed.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his police report for the month of August. He had to have the internet modum replaced and configured at the city hall/police station building. He reported that our police officers will be participating in Range Training with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department on September 17. He is going to be participating in TASER Instructor Recertification Training on September 22. Chief Smith was deputized by the Henderson County Sheriff this week, and Officer Foster is planning on being deputized in the near future. Officer Brown works part-time for the Henderson County Sheriff's Department, so she is already deputized. He also reported that PAR MAR recently installed the software on the new laptop, but the software is not compatible with the DVR equipment. He is still waiting for PAR MAR to contact him with an alternative software. Due to the

poor service that he has gotten with PAR MAR during this situation, Chief Smith does not recommend renewing the city's service agreement with them when it expires. The council gave Chief Smith permission to check with other companies and get quotes.

Mayor Six reported that Dalton Maynard is planning on starting work on the cemetery trees by the end of the week or the first of next week.

The City of Carthage has let Mayor Six know that their old backhoe is ready to be sold. They are asking \$31,500 for it. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to purchase a 2010 J.I. Case backhoe from the City of Carthage for \$31,500. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six has contacted Richard Palmer, a retired electrician, regarding the installation of electrical service to the garage at the city hall/police station. He recommended that this be put on a separate service line. He thought it could be done for approximately \$2,000. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to hire Richard Palmer to install the electrical service to the garage at the city hall/police station. Gittings, McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed tearing down the old Hagy's building, old Enterprise building, and old fire station/city hall building. It appears that the city is going to have to pay to have them torn down. Mayor Six has talked to some people about doing this work and has gotten an estimate of approximately \$8,000 to tear down all three of the buildings. He will check to see if this price includes hauling the material away. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed dumping that has been taking place on a vacant lot in the east end of town and at the city's old sewer plant location.

Discussed whether or not to have Trick-Or-Treat this year due to the COVID-19 situation. After discussion, a motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to have Trick-Or-Treat on October 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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 6:39 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk