

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 14, 2020, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Harold Northup Jr, and Greg Olson. Lila Gittings was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Brandan Beach, Andy Dennis, Megan Shipman, Michelle Gold, Tammy Kaminski, Cathie Smith, Doris Harman, Chris Classen, Doug Erickson, Kenny Foster, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2020, meeting. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

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

Andy Dennis discussed the city's shed that is located south of the water salesman building. He and his uncle own the adjoining property to the south, and they recently had it surveyed. The survey shows that the majority of the city's shed is currently located on their property. They are requesting that the city move the shed so that they can use their property. The city will look into this and if the shed needs to be moved, they will do it.

Megan Shipman discussed this year's plans for Christmas with Santa for the local children. She requested that the city consider making a donation to help with the expenses of these activities. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to donate \$600 for the Christmas with Santa project. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Brandan Beach presented the council with bids for the removal of the two Ash trees in the city cemetery and the tearing down of the old Hagy's building, old Enterprise building, and old city hall building. His bid to remove the trees is \$6,500 and \$45,000 to tear down the buildings. The council has decided to wait until spring of next year to do anything about the trees in the cemetery, and they can not do anything with the buildings until the city owns the old Hagy's building and old Enterprise building.

Michelle Gold and Tammy Kaminski appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Celebration Committee. The Celebration Committee would like to clean up the area of brush on the north side of West First Street across from the City Hall. They are requesting that the city take care of getting bids for doing this work. The council has no problems with doing this.

Doris Harman asked about the dredging being done in the river. The city has no information on this. She also thanked the council for having city clean-up days.

Doug Erickson reported on some IEPA violations that we were recently notified of. Chris Classen, the city clerk, and himself have been working on getting everything done that the IEPA is requesting. He also reported on an EPA program that is currently going on for communities that don't have sewer service to help them get sewer service. He discussed possibly putting a sewer system in Pontoosuc and running it to our sewer lagoon. The mayor and city attorney will contact the Pontoosuc mayor and try to meet with them before the first council meeting in November.

Discussed the water mains along Poplar Street, Birch Street, and East Second Street west of Chestnut Street. These water mains need to be replaced. Laverdiere Construction has looked at this and feels that it would be cheaper to run extension lines for each property along these 3 streets from the current water main along Third Street, instead of replacing the water mains along Poplar Street, Birch Street, and East Second Street. Laverdiere Construction's estimate to run extension lines is \$4,200 per day and that the project would take 3 or 4 days to complete. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to hire Laverdiere Construction to install new extension water lines from the main along Third Street to the properties along Poplar Street, Birch Street, and East Second Street west of Chestnut Street for \$4,200 per day. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Police Officer Kenny Foster gave the police department report for the month of September 2020. The new squad vehicle has been received and is currently being equipped. It is expected to be ready by October 16. The old police pickup has had the equipment removed and is scheduled to have the graphic removed. The transport cage is being given to the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. One of our police officers was recently exposed to blood while on a call. The officer was taken to the hospital for testing and the tests have come back negative. In response to this, Police Chief Smith has made the shower at the city hall/police station building operational. The furnace at the city hall/police station had to be serviced. The electrical wiring and lights have been installed in the garage at the police station and it now has electrical service. Chief Smith is going to be taking a FEMA/NIMS 300 and 400 training class in Moline on February 22-26, 2021, and he would like permission to stay in a motel for the week instead of driving back and forth each day due to the distance and unknown weather conditions. The council gave their approval for Chief Smith to stay in a motel that week. The 2017 Explorer police car is needing new tires. Melton's Auto is checking on the price of State bid tires for us.

Mayor Six reported that the City of Carthage is paying for the new batteries and oil change for the backhoe that we recently purchased from them.

Discussed selling the old police pickup and old backhoe. The city attorney will draw up the required ordinance to be approved at the next meeting so that both can be sold.

Discussed making an ordinance that would require a tree service to obtain a permit in order to dump trees at the city's burn pile.

Discussed trees in town that are on city property and need to be trimmed or removed.

Discussed the grant that might be available for the tearing down of the buildings on Oak Street. In order to obtain this grant and proceed with the tearing down of these buildings, the city has to have these properties in their name. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to authorize Capps, Ancelet, Icenogle, and Wallace to proceed with the necessary actions needed in order to get the properties at 386 Oak Street and 396 Oak Street into the city's name. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk