

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on November 11, 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, Chris Classen, Gary Smith, Bob Durand, Doug Erickson, and Burdette Wetzel.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2020, meeting. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Due to the October 28, 2020, meeting being cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus, there were no minutes to be accepted for that date.

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

Chris Classen reported that Laverdiere Construction installed the new water mains along Poplar Street, Birch Street, and East Second Street west of Chestnut Street last week. It took them one extra day and some extra materials to complete the job due to the fact that once they started the work along Poplar Street and Birch Street, they discovered some things that were not expected.

Mr. Classen also reported that the fire department was unable to get a fire hydrant opened recently during a fire in town. He has gotten this fire hydrant repaired. He has discovered that there is one other fire hydrant in town that needs repaired. He is in process of getting it fixed.

Doug Erickson reported that Mayor Six, Chris Classen, and himself need to meet with the IEPA, via WebEx, regarding the IEPA violations we were recently notified of. He is going to try to set up the meeting for next week.

Discussed a grant that would help Pontoosuc get a sewer system installed. They would then have it flow into the Dallas City sewer lagoon. There would be no cost to Dallas City for this grant work.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of October. The new police vehicle has been put into service. He and the city clerk are working on getting the required information for the USDA for the grant disbursement. It appears that the final cost for the new police vehicle, less the USDA grant received, is going to be approximately \$26,000. The air card in one of the squad car laptops had to be replaced. He is ordering raincoats for the police department.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department's Annual Stuff the Squad event is going to be held at the Dollar General Store in Dallas City on December 3rd and December 8th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. They will be collecting unwrapped toy items and non-perishable food items to be distributed to families and food pantries in Hancock County this holiday season.

Chief Smith has gotten prices from Melton's Auto for new tires for the 2017 Explorer police vehicle. The following prices were received:

Firestone Fire Hawks	\$363.00 per tire
General Justice	\$241.00 per tire
Good Year Enforcer AW	\$257.00 per tire

The price on the Firestone and General Justice are State Bid prices. Melton's did not have the State Bid price available for the Good Year tires yet. Therefore, the actual cost to the city for the Good Year tires would be a little less than the \$257. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to purchase four Good Year Enforcer AW tires from Melton's Auto. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Commissioner McDowell discussed a resident that was told by the city's police department that he couldn't burn the wood from a torn down building in the city. It was decided to discuss this with the city attorney to get the correct burning ordinance updated.

Keith Hartweg has requested a \$100 donation for the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Team. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$100 to the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Team. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to pass Ordinance #657 and Ordinance #658, Authorizing the Sale of a 2000 J.I. Case 580 Super L Backhoe and a 2013 Dodge Pickup Truck. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to pass Resolution #2020-1, Resolution Vacating Prior Resolution that was passed by the Dallas City City Council on April 23, 2015, to vacate a portion of West First Street between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street for the sole purpose of construction expansion of the CGB Enterprises, Inc. grain bin facility. CGB Enterprises, Inc. has informed the city that they no longer are planning to expand their grain bin facility. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to pass Ordinance #659, Amending Ordinance #647 and making the annual permit application fee \$5 per non-highway vehicle for all applicants. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to pass Ordinance #660, Regulating the Use and Possession of Fireworks. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Chad Passley, C.P.A., has finished the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Chad Passley, C.P.A., to do the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit for \$3,100. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 20, 2020, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2021 calendar year would be \$28,890.69, including the 2021 Illinois Municipal League Dues of \$150. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 20, 2020, in order to receive the 1% discount. McDowell, Northup, and Olson AYE. Gittings ABSENT.

Discussed a property on East First Street that needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Six purchased a lamp for his desk at the city hall and he requested that he be reimbursed the \$27.58 that it cost. The council agreed to do this.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk