

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 23, 2021, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell and Greg Olson. Peggy Newberry and Harold Northup Jr. were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Laurey Wibbell, John Stimpson, Tammi Kaminski, Charisse Purchatzke, Ryan Thompson, Rich Howe, Ruby Longley, Gary Smith, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Police Chief Gary Smith informed the council that he has not had any luck finding a part-time police officer for the city, and he asked permission to run an ad in the local papers to try and find one. The council gave him approval to run the ad.

Discussed the boat dock landing area. A large tree was found at the end of the docks, and it has been removed.

Mayor Six reported on a Mayors meeting. The Hancock County Economic Development Corporation has hired a new executive director.

Mayor Six also reported that he attended the recent Celebration Committee's meeting. They have decided that they would prefer to have some extra electrical outlets at the north end of the city hall building. It has been determined that a 200 amp electrical service will be required. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to hire Richard Palmer to install a 200 amp electrical service in the city hall building. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

The Celebration Committee has informed Mayor Six that they would be willing to help out with the cost of flowers and other things for around the city hall building to make it look better.

Discussed removing some trees on city property in the city cemetery, along West Third Street, around the recreation park, and the boat docks. Mayor Six will contact a couple of local tree removal businesses and get estimates.

The city attorney reported that she should know something by the end of the month regarding the old Legion Hall building. She also reported that legal litigation has begun on the old Hagy's property and the old school building.

Discussed the trash pick-up proposal being considered by the council. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The city attorney and police chief presented a slide show of properties around town that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance due to tall grass, junk in yards, and/or buildings in poor condition. The council gave the attorney their approval for her to proceed with sending letters to the property owners. The city attorney reported that she will present another slide show at the next meeting showing nuisances like abandoned vehicles.

The city attorney presented the council with the tentative version of the city's 2021-2022 fiscal year Appropriation Ordinance. The public hearing will be held at the city hall before the regular council meeting on July 14, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Discussed a proposed ordinance to amend Article 7, Chapter 5, Sections 2 & 3 of the city code regulating city traffic and parking. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to pass Ordinance #663 to amend Article 7, Chapter 5, Sections 2 & 3 of the city code regulating city traffic and parking. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Discussed a proposed ordinance regarding the abatement of nuisances by the city. It was decided to table this ordinance and discuss it more at the next meeting.

Discussed the storage building behind the water salesman. It has been moved so that it no longer is sitting on the adjoining property owner's property. It was reported that the Celebration Committee is interested in the building. It was decided to give the storage building to the Celebration Committee.

Discussed having a Christmas dinner for the city council, city employees, and spouses at the Riverview Bar & Grill since we could not have one last December due to the COVID-19. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to have Mayor Six check with the owner of the Riverview Bar & Grill to see what date would work for him and to have the Christmas dinner for the city council, city employees, and spouses. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Six informed the council that the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference is going to be in Chicago, and he would like to attend this conference on September 24 and 25. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to pay for Mayor Six's registration, hotel room, and round-trip train ticket for the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference on September 24 and 25. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Ryan Thompson informed the council that there are a couple of street signs around town missing. The council will have the street employee check on these and get new ones ordered if necessary.

Rich Howe asked if the city has heard anything back from FEMA or IEMA regarding the possible buyout of properties located in the flood plain in town. The council informed Mr. Howe that the city has not heard anything back from either FEMA or IEMA since the required paperwork was submitted in February. Mayor Six will contact the Emergency Services & Disaster Agency Coordinator, Mr. Jack Curfman, to see if he knows anything regarding this.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk