

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on July 28, 2021, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Peggy Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Katie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Miller, Ryan Thompson, Doug Erickson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Katie Smith asked about replacing the sidewalk around her house. She also asked about two trees that are on city property. The roots of these trees are affecting the sidewalk. The council informed her that they would get the trees removed. They also explained to her the city's policy regarding the replacing of sidewalks. The city will pay for the concrete, but she will be responsible for the labor.

Doug Erickson reported on the Motor Fuel Tax Letting that was held July 26. W.L. Miller Company submitted the only bid. Their bid was \$62,170. Benton & Associates had estimated the cost to be \$56,460. Mr. Erickson discussed the city's options. The council also discussed the streets that are scheduled to be done. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the bid of \$62,170 from W.L. Miller Company. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mr. Erickson also reported that he is scheduled to meet with the EPA next week to have them do their inspection of the recently completed sewer project. He informed the council that there appears to be some grants available for boat docks, and that he will look into them. He is working on a plan for the water mains in the west end of town. He is also looking into a storm siren system.

Matt Miller asked about Ordinance 663 and requested that the council and police chief clarify it for him. The council informed him that they are willing to work with him while he is renovating his building on Oak Street. Mr. Miller also informed the council that he is going to need a lift that will possibly extend into the street in order to tuck point this building. The council does not have a problem with him doing this while working on the west side of the building, but they informed him that he would need to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation and get their permission before doing this on the south side of the building.

Ryan Thompson asked about the street signs that are missing. The city will get these replaced.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that there have been some issues with the police department's laptop computers, and that they are being repaired. The in-car camera system has been installed in both police vehicles and the grant applications have been sent in for them. He is checking on a generator system for the city hall/police station.

Mayor Six reported that the tree along Sycamore Street on city property that had power lines going thru it has been removed. He has also spoken to the owner of the properties at 386 Oak Street and 396 Oak Street. The property owner informed Mayor Six that he is willing to sign the necessary paperwork so that the city can get these buildings torn down. The city attorney is working on drawing up the necessary paperwork for the property owner to sign.

Discussed trash pick up in town and the proposal from Jackson Disposal to provide trash pick up to all residential properties in town. Each resident would be billed monthly for their trash pick up on their water and sewer bill. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to sign a 5 year agreement with Jackson Disposal to pick up trash at all residential properties, and if Jackson Disposal agrees, start this trash pick up October 1, 2021. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six exercised his authorization to veto the motion. As a result, this motion is tabled until a later date.

Discussed the removal of trees on city property. It was decided to have the city attorney draw up a rough draft of an agreement that if the adjacent property owner does not want a tree removed, they could sign the agreement that would make the property owner, and any succeeding property owner, responsible for the removal of the tree in the future.

Discussed having Land & Water Vegetation Control spray the weeds at the boat dock area. The city clerk will contact them to see if they could do this.

Ryan Thompson asked why portable toilets are at the boat docks when there are bathrooms. The council reported that unfortunately, due to several cases of public abuse to the bathrooms, it was decided to use portable toilets this year.

Discussed the city's contract with TEST Inc. for the water and sewer system. The current contract expires at the end of 2021. TEST Inc. has offered the city a new 5 year contract for January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026, at the price of \$4,945.68 per month for the entire 5 year term. This is the same price that we are currently paying in 2021. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to renew the contract with TEST Inc. for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2022. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The city clerk reported that he has filled out the application and submitted it for the American Rescue Plan. The first payment is to be received within 30 days of receipt of the federal funds by the state.

Discussed the need to secure the city's computer network, including a firewall and antivirus. J & S Electronics has written up a proposal for the city. It was decided to ask a representative of J & S Electronics to attend a meeting in August to discuss this and answer any questions that the council may have.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk