

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 14, 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, Samantha Harnack, Ryan Thompson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2021, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

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

Samantha Harnack introduced herself to the council as the new Executive Director of the Hancock County Economic Development. She discussed the things that the Hancock County Economic Development is looking at doing in the county.

Anne Thompson discussed a dog that has been sitting on East First Street.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of June 2021. He has received information from FEMA regarding assistance for funeral expenses for COVID victims. Chief Smith and Officer Foster have completed their annual firearms requalification. The two new in-car camera systems have arrived. Chief Smith has contacted Lundgren's to set up a time to get them installed. However, they are back logged. Chief Smith will check to see if there is anyone else that could get the camera systems installed sooner.

Chief Smith requested that new rain gutters be installed on the east and west sides of the garage at the city hall/police station. He also asked the council to consider purchasing a generator system for the city hall/police station. The council told him to get prices, and they would discuss it more at the next meeting.

Discussed having a city storm siren system.

Dick Palmer has looked at the electrical service at the city hall/police station building. It currently has a 200 amp service. He installed a 5 plug-in box in the garage as a temporary service for the upcoming city celebration. He will install a permanent service later.

The city engineer has reported that he is working on the Facility Plan for the updating of the city's sewer lift stations. He has also set up the Motor Fuel Tax Letting for July 26, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the city clerk's office.

Commissioner Newberry, on behalf of the John Shoemate Memorial Fishing Tournament, thanked the council for sponsoring the event.

Discussed street signs that need to be replaced.

Discussed the water lines in the west end of town. The engineer will be contacted regarding this.

Discussed two trees in the city cemetery that need to be removed. A bid has been received from Brandan Beach to remove the two trees for \$6,500. The stump removal would be \$3 per inch. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to hire Brandan Beach to remove the two trees in the city cemetery for \$6,500 and the stumps for \$3 per inch. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed a tree on city property along Sycamore Street that has power lines going thru it.

Mayor Six is going to call the Illinois Department of Transportation about some trees along East Third Street that they are responsible for.

Mayor Six read a "Thank You" from Lee & Charisse Purchatzke for the removal of the two dying trees next to their property.

Discussed the current nuisance ordinance and the proposed updated nuisance ordinance. Also discussed the proposal to include garbage service with water bills. Discussed making it a ballot issue. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six reported that there was a water main break on East Third Street this week and that it has been repaired.

Discussed the appropriations ordinance for the current fiscal year. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance #664, the Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022, fiscal year. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Mayor Six reported that he has contacted Jack Curfman, Coordinator of the Hancock County ESDA, regarding where things stand with the possible buy out of properties in the flood plain. Mr. Curfman has contacted the IEMA and been informed that Dallas City's application is pending.

Ryan Thompson discussed giving the Hancock County Dispatcher a list of phone numbers for them to call when someone from the city needs to be contacted after hours. He also discussed a tree on West Third Street that needs to be removed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk