

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on September 22, 2021, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Peggy Newberry, Harold Northup Jr, and Greg Olson. Carole McDowell was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Cathie Smith, Joni McLees, Doug Erickson, Gary Smith, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting. Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell ABSENT.

Anne Thompson requested that the ordinance regarding dogs running at large be enforced better. The police department will watch for dogs running at large.

Cathie Smith appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Celebration Committee. They are planning on having a fundraiser in the future to help pay for the fireworks for next years celebration. They are attempting to get donations from area businesses. Several of the businesses are now requiring a Not-For-Profit organization to fill out an online request, and one of the requirements is to include the organization's Federal Employer Identification Number. The Dallas City Celebration Committee does not have a FEIN, and Mrs. Smith asked if the city would be willing to allow them to use the city's FEIN. The city attorney informed Mrs. Smith that she did not feel that this would work since the city is not considered to be a Not-For-Profit organization, but that she would check on it.

Joni McLees appeared on behalf of J & S Electronic Business Systems to discuss the city's computer network security system, a proposal for a Managed IT solution, and a new color copier/printer/scanner for the police department. The cost to upgrade the networking system and to add anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-spam services and firewall protection on all the computers at the city clerk's office and city hall/police station is \$2,679.44. The monthly fee for the Managed IT solution service is \$310. The cost for a new color copier/printer/scanner for the police department is \$825. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to hire J & S Electronic Business Systems to upgrade the computer network security system and add the anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam and firewall protection on the computers at the city clerk's office and city hall/police station for \$2,679.44, provide Managed IT solution services for \$310 per month, and purchase the color copier/printer/scanner for the police department for \$825. Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell ABSENT.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that the entire door latch assembly had to be replaced on the 2017 Explorer. Police Officer Foster is back to work after being off a few days because of illness.

Doug Erickson reported that he is working on the engineering service agreement for the project to relocate some of the sewer lift stations. Discussed the water lines in the west end of town. He informed the council that any water service lines that contain lead are going to have to be replaced in the next few years. Also discussed making up an engineering service agreement for the repairs at the boat landing. Mr. Erickson will work on getting this drawn up.

Discussed a culvert at Elm Street and East Fifth Street.

Commissioner Olson reported that W.L. Miller Company is not going to have any patch available until some time in October.

Discussed repairing or replacing the front door at the city hall/police station. Also discussed a hole at the northwest corner of the city hall/police station building that needs to be filled.

Mayor Six reported that he is going to be attending the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference this weekend. He is also waiting to hear back from some contractors regarding the roof on the building at the sewer lagoon and putting seamless gutters on the garage at the city hall/police station.

Discussed the resolution that was adopted on April 23, 2015, to vacate a portion of West First Street between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street. Since it appears CGB Enterprises is not going to expand as originally planned, it was asked if this resolution should be repealed. The city attorney informed the council that a resolution was passed on November 11, 2020, that repealed the April 23, 2015, resolution.

Discussed the buildings at 386 Oak Street and 396 Oak Street and getting them torn down. The city attorney reported that the main problem is the liens that are on these properties. Also discussed the old Legion Hall building. The city attorney has spoken to the property owner's attorney, and he has informed the city attorney that the property owner plans on having the building torn down this year.

It was reported that the street employee is checking the street signs around town to see if there are any others, besides the ones mentioned at the previous meeting, that need to be replaced.

Discussed the proposed ordinance authorizing abatement of nuisances by the city. It was decided not to proceed with this ordinance at this time.

The city clerk reported that we have received our first payment of \$59,271.68 for the American Rescue Plan Act. The second payment, in the same amount, is scheduled to be received in approximately 12 months. Discussed ordinance to establish the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #666, An Ordinance To Establish the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell ABSENT.

Discussed amending Ordinance #654 and making water bills that are not paid by the 20th of the month subject to being shut off. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Ordinance # 667 and making water bills that are not paid by the 20th of the month subject to being shut off. Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell ABSENT.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. It was decided to have Trick-Or-Treat on October 30 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$150 to the Dallas City American Legion to help them offset the costs of serving hot dogs on Trick-Or-Treat night. Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell ABSENT.

Discussed contacting the local churches to see if one of them would be interested in the table at city hall.

Discussed Fall Clean-Up Days. Commissioner Northup will contact Jackson Disposal to see if they have dumpsters available October 15-18 or October 22-25.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk