

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on October 13, 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, Tracy Markey, Doris Harman, Doug Erickson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2021, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to pay bills. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Tracy Markey reported that the heat pump at the sewer lagoon building no longer works and needs to be replaced. The council told him to get it replaced. He also reported that the water heater is not leaking, but it is starting to rust out and is going to need to be replaced soon. He asked the council about putting a camera at the pump station along West Fifth Street. He will check on prices. There was a water main break on West Fifth Street last weekend. It has been repaired.

Discussed installing a dropbox at the sewer lagoon to be used when dumping into it .

Doris Harman asked about Fall Clean-Up Days. Commissioner Northup has contacted Jackson Disposal and arranged for dumpsters on October 29, 30, & 31, and November 1.

Doug Erickson presented the council with the updated Wastewater Facility Plan for the re-locating and updating of the sewer lift stations. Mayor Six signed the necessary paperwork, and Mr. Erickson will get the papers filed with the EPA. Mr. Erickson presented the council with an amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement for the upcoming sewer project. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the boat docks. Mr. Erickson is estimating that the engineering fees for this project would be around \$70,000. The council informed him to proceed with drawing up a Facility Plan and Engineering Service Agreement for this project.

Discussed getting the restrooms at the boat docks fixed so that they can be used next year. The engineer will look at this and get back to the council on it.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of September. J & S Electronics is to be here next Tuesday to install the upgrade to the networking system, and add the anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam and firewall protection to the computers at the police station and city clerk's office. He will be conducting a TASER Recertification Training on October 20. Officer Foster will be attending a M4/AR Rifle Platform Armorers Training Course next month.

Chief Smith requested approval to purchase the NAS Diskstation external computer storage that J & S Electronics discussed at the last meeting for the police department's computer system. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to purchase the NAS Diskstation external computer storage from J & S Electronics for \$1294. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed putting guttering on the garage at the police station and replacing the roof on the building at the sewer lagoon. Mayor Six has received three estimates for the roof at the sewer lagoon:

Corrie Muller	\$1,500.00 (Labor Only)
McDowell Construction	\$1,400.00 (Labor Only)
Mike Dill	\$3,942.76 (Labor & Materials)

Commissioner Northup has contacted another contractor who is suppose to be getting the city a bid. It was decided to wait and see if the other bid is received by the next meeting and then discuss this more at that meeting.

It was reported that the city has not been able to get anymore patch for the streets. The supplier is hoping to have some by the end of the week.

Mayor Six reported on the Illinois Municipal League Convention that he recently attended.

BNSF Railroad has informed Mayor Six that they are planning on closing the railroad crossing on Spruce Street around October 28 to repair the crossing. If they are not able to do it then, it will probably be next March or April before they will be able to do it.

Discussed some trees around town that need to be removed. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to have two trees on West Third Street and one tree on East First Street removed. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed the water main on West Fifth Street from Oak Street to Cedar Street. There have been several water main breaks on this line, and it appears that the main needs to be replaced. The city engineer will look into this, but he feels that it will probably be next spring before a contractor would be available to do the job.

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 19, 2021, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2022 calendar year would be \$28,516.47, including the 2022 Illinois Municipal League Dues of \$150. A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 19, 2021, in order to receive the 1% discount. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed the fence around the city's lot where the water salesman is located and making sure that it is properly located, based on the survey that was recently done.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk