

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Kevin Six, Finance Commissioner Peggy Newberry 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, Matt Miller, Ann Miller, Tracy Markey, Doug Erickson, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Six ABSENT.

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

Anne Thompson asked about the bridge on East Fourth Street by the city cemetery. There is a question as to whether it is the city's or the county's responsibility to repair or replace it. The city attorney will check with the county. Mrs. Thompson also asked if the city was planning on fixing the concrete wall along West First Street across from the city hall.

Matt Miller asked questions regarding the "Snow Emergency" parking on Oak Street and exactly how the odd-even days was going to be enforced. Police Chief Gary Smith explained that if a snow emergency is declared on an odd numbered day, i.e. 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., then there will be no parking allowed on the east side of the street and if one is declared on an even numbered day, i.e. 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc., no parking will be allowed on the west side of the street. This "Snow Emergency" parking will only apply to the section of Oak Street between Third Street and the railroad tracks from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Chief Smith reiterated that everything will be based on the date that the Snow Emergency is DECLARED. If a Snow Emergency is declared, there will be a message put out on the city's public alert system, and it will also be called in to the local radio stations.

Mr. Miller asked if the city would be interested in selling the vacant lot that they own along Oak Street. The council informed him that they are not interested in selling the lot at this time. He then asked if the council would consider making this lot a parking lot.

Doug Erickson discussed the city streets that were oiled and chipped last week. He also informed the council that the water pressure recorders are going to be put into place this week. The city employees are planning to work this fall and winter on determining which individual water lines are lead based and need to be replaced. Benton & Associates has hired a new engineer that has some experience with boat docks, and they are going to have him start working on a possible plan for the boat dock project.

Discussed the pressure valve at the water tank.

Police Chief Smith gave his monthly report for August 2022. The new cell phones and personal hot spots are now in use. The new priority SIM cards have not arrived but will be added to the phones as soon as they arrive. He recently attended the Grandparent's Day at the elementary school to provide additional security. He also plans to attend the PTO's Penny Carnival on October 5. The 2017 Explorer has a wheel bearing going out. Melton's Auto will repair it the next time they change the oil. The department has a shotgun with the lower round extractor completely worn. It will either have to be repaired or replaced.

Discussed abuse of the recycling bin. Discussed putting a security camera up where the recycling bin is located.

Discussed getting the fence around the lot where the water salesman is located moved based on the updated survey that was completed earlier this year. It was decided to contact Trout Fencing and get an estimate.

The city attorney reported that she has sent out updated letters to the Nuisance Ordinance violators. She also gave the council updates on where things stand regarding the old high school building, the old Hagy's building, the old Legion Hall, and the old cleaners building on Oak Street.

Discussed request for donations from the Dallas City Elementary School's PTO for its Kids Carnival and the Illini West High School Sports Boosters for its Ham & Turkey Dinner.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$250 to the Dallas City Elementary School's PTO for its Kids Carnival. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Six ABSENT.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$100 to the Illini West High School Sports Boosters for their Ham & Turkey Dinner. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Six ABSENT.

Discussed the salaries of the Mayor and Commissioners. The current Mayor's salary of \$75 per meeting and the Commissioner's salary of \$45 per meeting have not been changed since 1999. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). McDowell, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE. Six ABSENT.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:43 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:12 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk