

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 12, 2022, at 5:30 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, Doug Erickson, Gary Smith, and Mariah Wallace.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2022, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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

Tracy Markey discussed cutting down a dead tree at the sewer plant.

Anne Thompson asked about the time capsule that was found at the old high school and what the city plans on doing with it. Mayor Six reported that he has contacted the Western Illinois University's Renaissance Department. The person that he spoke to said that he would talk to the person in charge of the department and get back to the mayor. If any of the items that were found in the time capsule can be restored, the city would like to display them at city hall.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his monthly report for the month of September. Members of the department attended the recent Penny Carnival that was sponsored by the Dallas Elementary School's PTO. They have also been participating in active shooter drills at various locations around Hancock County that have been conducted by the Sheriff's Department. On October 17, the department will be attending a meeting at the Hancock County Court House that will be led by the Hancock County State's Attorney. The purpose of the meeting is to outline how the new arrests will be managed under the new Cashless Bail requirements that will be implemented with the State of Illinois' Safe-T Act that was passed last year. Hancock County has been selected as a pilot program to implement the Cashless Bail requirements. The new law goes into effect on January 1, 2023, but the pilot program will go into effect in Hancock County on November 1, 2022.

The city attorney reported that she is moving forward with the demolition of vacant buildings in town. She hopes to have more information for the council at the next meeting. She has also sent out more notices to property owners in town regarding being in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. It appears that several property owners have either gotten their violations resolved or are working on getting them resolved.

Discussed an ordinance to increase the pay of the elected officials. The current pay rate of \$75 per meeting for the mayor and \$45 per meeting for the commissioners has been the pay rate since May 1999. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to pass Ordinance #672, An Ordinance Increasing the Pay of the Elected Officials. This ordinance will increase the pay of the mayor to \$105 per meeting and the pay of the commissioners to \$75 per meeting, and includes two paid absences per year. These increases will go into effect with the council that is elected in April 2023 and takes office on May 10, 2023. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Doug Erickson reported that surveyors are planning to start their work in town regarding the next sewer project in a couple of weeks. Data has been collected from the water pressure recorders, and he will get the results to the council as soon as possible.

Discussed the bridge on East Fourth Street by the city cemetery. The city attorney will contact the Henderson County Highway Department to see who is responsible for maintaining this bridge.

The city clerk reported that the city has been notified by the Illinois Department of Transportation that they appear to be going to replace the bridge on East Third Street between Osage Street and Chestnut Street.

It was reported that the water lines have been installed by the three property owners on West First Street, east of Spruce Street.

Police Chief Smith reported that the hard drive in the laptop computer in one of the police cars has quit working. He has been told that it would be cheaper to purchase a new computer instead of trying to fix it. He will work on getting a new computer ordered for less than \$1,000.

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 18, 2022, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2023 calendar year would be \$28,516.47, including the 2023 Illinois Municipal League Dues of \$150. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 18, 2022, in order to receive the 1% discount. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk