

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on December 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Peggy Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Tracy Markey, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Anne Thompson discussed the confusion with the trash pick-up this week. It was explained that the trash company, LRS, sent an e-mail to the city clerk on December 22 stating that trash pick-up in Dallas City would be on Thursday the week of December 26 and January 2. He then put a message out on the 22nd on the city's Public Alert system to notify the residents of Dallas City of this change. He was then notified on December 23 by LRS that garbage service would still be on Wednesday both weeks. The city clerk then put another message out on the 23rd to notify the residents of this. Mrs. Thompson asked if these kind of alerts could also be put on the city's website. The city clerk will also put these messages on the city's website in the future.

Mrs. Thompson also asked if when the city donates money to organizations for an event if it could be put on the city's website. The city clerk explained that the city is usually not made aware of all the details of the event such as date, time, and location. If the organization would like for the event to be placed on the city's website, all they need to do is go into the city's website, go into the "Community Calendar" section, and submit their event. The city clerk is then sent an e-mail letting him know that there is an event to be considered. He then goes into the system and approves the event, and it will then appear under the "Community Calendar" portion of the website. Doing it this way should prevent any errors in the details of the upcoming event from being placed on the website.

Tracy Markey reported that water usage was up for a couple of days. He thinks it was the result of some frozen pipes, but he thinks the residents have gotten them fixed because the water usage is back down now.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that he has submitted his application for the School Resource Officer Training Course and has done the required finger printing. He has met with the Hancock County States Attorney and is scheduled to meet with the Henderson County States Attorney to see how each county is planning on handling the SAFE-T Act that is scheduled to go into law January 1, 2023.

Discussed the old street truck that needs at least a new engine and new tires. Discussed whether it would be best to repair it or to sell it as is.

Discussed getting a bid for the demolition of the buildings at 380, 386, and 396 Oak Street. This will be discussed with the city attorney.

Discussed the New Illinois Organization. It is an organization that is trying to separate Cook County from the rest of the State of Illinois and create a new state.

Discussed a problem that the city has been having with their purchasing of fuel at the BP station in town. The city council gave the city clerk permission to check with Casey's about opening an account with them.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk