

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on March 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson. Peggy Newberry was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2023, meeting. McDowell, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

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

Anne Thompson asked about some dogs that are being used to watch over some sheep. Police Chief Gary Smith has checked with animal control and has been told that when dogs are being used for herding and guarding of livestock, as they are in this case, they are considered to be livestock also.

Police Chief Smith gave his monthly report for February 2023. Scott Rosson has been added to the department's roster and schedule as a part-time police officer. All of our police officers recently took part in a Sexual Assault Awareness training. He has also completed the police department's SAMS renewal for the year.

Discussed the cleaning up of brush along the north side of East First Street. Mayor Six has checked the property records at the Henderson County Courthouse, and it appears that most of the ground on the north side of East First Street belongs to Ameren Illinois. However, there are a few locations that belong to individuals. Mayor Six would like to have a community event to try and get this brush cleaned up.

Discussed the storage building at the city cemetery. It is in extremely poor condition and needs to be removed.

Discussed the buildings at 380, 386, and 396 Oak Street. A representative from the Brownsfield Network has informed Mayor Six to get an estimate of the cost for the demolition of these buildings. Mayor Six is working on getting some estimates.

The LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. is planning an event at the Dallas City Recreation Park on September 22-24, 2023. There was a question about music being played after 9 p.m. The council has no problem with this.

Mayor Six reported that he recently received a phone call from a gentleman claiming to be a representative of the EPA. He told Mayor Six that he was concerned about the city tearing down the old high school building. Mayor Six informed him that the city does not own this property and that we have nothing to do with its being torn down.

Discussed debris that appears to have blown out of a truck traveling on Oak Street just north of the grade school and getting it cleaned up.

Discussed a proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control LLC to perform vegetation control along Highway 9 & Oak Street, both cemetery fences, the guard rails west of the old high school and along First Street, the city maintenance building, the boat ramps, boat dock restrooms, boat dock storage area, Walnut Street between West Second Street and the railroad tracks, and the gravel areas at the sewer lagoon. The proposed cost is \$1,120. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to accept the proposal from Land & Water Vegetation Control LLC for the price of \$1,120. McDowell, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk