

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on May 10, 2023, 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 Matt & Sarah Emmett, Anne Thompson, Tracy Markey, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

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

Matt and Sarah Emmett informed the council that they have purchased the old Riverview Bar & Grill. They are planning on re-naming the business The Landing At Dallas City. They are hoping to be open by the middle of June this year. They are going to be serving food and will be open year round. They plan on having live bands occasionally during the summer months. They requested that the council approve their liquor license application. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to approve the liquor license application for The Landing At Dallas City. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Anne Thompson informed the council that there are some overly aggressive cats around the old high school building. Mrs. Thompson discussed the sidewalk in front of the post office. She has tripped twice on this sidewalk. The city attorney has been notified, and after researching the situation, does not feel that this is the city's responsibility.

Tracy Markey reported that the pumps in the lift stations aren't running as much now since the river has started to recede.

Mayor Six has received an e-mail from the Hancock County Economic Development Association informing him that the Western Illinois Regional Council is offering grants for the demolition of buildings. He is going to contact them regarding this.

FEMA is having a meeting on May 18 regarding flooding, and Mayor Six is planning on attending it.

Discussed putting something up around the old high school for the celebration parade. The city attorney will be asked to send a letter to the property owner to inform them that this property needs to be secured before the city celebration in July.

Discussed lead service water lines that need to be replaced. The city engineer has applied for the Lead Service Line Inventory Grant, but he has not heard anything yet as to whether or not the city is going to receive one of these grants.

Discussed dogs running at large. Police Chief Smith informed the council that a citation has been issued to one dog owner, but the owner has elected to take this case to bench trial.

Discussed replacing the front door at the city hall.

Discussed a drop box for water bill payments. It was decided to put one up on the city's vacant lot along the alley just north of the city clerk's office.

Discussed water/sewer rates and the need to have an increase in the rates. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Police Chief Smith gave his report for the month of April 2023. He recently attended the Family Night Event at the grade school. He recently had the oil changed in the 2020 Explorer police vehicle and another repair issue was identified. This issue is under warranty and is scheduled to be taken care of this week. The battery in the 2017 Explorer police vehicle had to be replaced. He and Officer Foster recently completed TASER Instructor Training, and he is enrolled in the upcoming FEMA trainings, "Railcar Incident Response" and "Crisis Management for School Based Incidents".

Chief Smith also reported that the TASER batteries and cartridges need to be replaced. The cost for two new batteries, five 21' cartridges, and five 25' cartridges is \$583.50. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to purchase two new batteries, five 21' cartridges, and five 25' cartridges for the TASER for \$583.50. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Commissioner Newberry announced that the annual John Shoemate Kids Fishing Tournament is going to be held June 17 at the recreation park.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to enter executive session to discuss street personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McDowell-AYE, Newberry-AYE, Northup-ABSENT, Olson-AYE, and Six-AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:28 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:52 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk