

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 12, 2023, 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 and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to pay bills. McDowell, Newberry, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his monthly report for June 2023. During the storm on June 29, the 2017 Explorer was damaged while he was storm spotting in the Dollar General parking lot. The wind blew a heavy merchandise cart into the front driver's side door that resulted in a small dent in the door. There wasn't any damage to the paint or vehicle graphics. The police officers will have their annual weapons qualification on July 13. Officer Espinoza will be on vacation and will complete hers on July 27.

Chief Smith requested permission to have the exterior of the city hall/police station building and garage sprayed for spiders. The council gave Chief Smith permission to contact an exterminator.

Mayor Six has received an e-mail from Jack Curfman of the Hancock County Emergency Services Disaster Agency. There is going to be a meeting on July 26 regarding the flood control mitigation for 2024. Mayor Six is planning on attending this meeting.

Illinois Governor Pritzker has issued a Disaster Proclamation for Hancock County as a result of the June 29<sup>th</sup> storms.

There is going to be a benefit for Michael Schaefer at The Clinic on July 15. They have requested that Pine Street be closed from the alley between West Third Street and the railroad crossing to the railroad crossing during the benefit. The council gave their approval to close this section of Pine Street during the benefit.

Discussed getting the water meters that have not been made radio read meters done.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to give Greg Ferrill a \$250 retirement bonus as a thank you for his 27 years of service he has provided the city. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed where things stand as far as the lead water lines.

Discussed getting a temporary fence put up in front of the old high school building for the city celebration. Commissioner McDowell will contact Jim Trout to see if he would have a temporary fence that he would put up for the city during the celebration.

Discussed the old high school building.

The new drop box has been installed and can be used for water bill payments. It is located along the north side of the alley just north of the city clerk's office at 261 Oak Street.

Discussed a tree that had to be cut down along Maple Street due to the June 29 storms. There is a question as to whether the tree was located on city property or the adjacent property owner's property. This will be looked at and discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed a semi that has been parking along the side of West Third Street. There use to be "NO SEMI PARKING" signs in this area. Mayor Six will contact the person parking the semi there. Discussed putting the "NO SEMI PARKING" signs back up, however, there is a question whether this is the city's or state's responsibility.

Mayor Six would like to contact the Dallas School District to see if they would be interested in selling the vacant lot on East Fourth Street between the basketball court and 180 East Fourth Street.

Discussed bushes around town that are blocking the view of approaching traffic for people.

Discussed the nuisance ordinance violators that have not responded to the letter that they received from the city attorney. Chief Smith will contact the city attorney regarding these property owners.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to approve, in tentative form, Ordinance #675, the Ordinance for Appropriations for the May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, fiscal year. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A public hearing will be held in regards to the 2023-2024 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance before the city council meeting on July 26, 2023, at 5 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk