

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on September 27, 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, Ashley Link, Mike Amenell, Tracy Markey, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2023, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mike Amenell and Tracy Markey discussed a couple of water service lines that are being discontinued. The contractor doing one of the service lines has asked if the water line could be capped off at the hydrant. City ordinance requires that the service line be capped off at the water main.

Ashley Link appeared on behalf of the owners of the old high school property. The property owners recently received a letter notifying them that their property was in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. Mrs. Link asked exactly what the council is requesting be done. The council informed her that they would at least like to see the windows boarded up, the doors secured, and some kind of fence put up around the property to help prevent people from being able to enter the building and getting injured.

Police Chief Gary Smith informed the council that he has contacted Motorola, and they are coming in to give a demonstration for the body cameras that police officers are going to be required to start wearing by January 1, 2025. He has also asked them to give the city a quote for the body cameras. He has been told that Motorola does not lease the body cameras, but they do have a 5 year Rent-to-Buy program.

It was reported that Brandan Beach has done the work that he could do along East First Street. There is a question about the ownership of some of the property on the north side of East First Street. The mayor will contact Ameren to see if they would be interested in selling this property to the city.

Mayor Six, Commissioner McDowell, and Commissioner Newberry recently met with representatives from the Brownsfield Network regarding the buildings in town that need to be torn down. They discussed some possible funding options that might be available for the city.

On behalf of the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E., Mayor Six thanked the council for their help and cooperation with A.B.A.T.E.'s recent Tristate Motorcycle Rally. Plans are to do it again next year on September 20-21 at the recreation park.

Discussed purchasing an extended warranty for the city's generator. The prices are as follows:

5 year warranty	\$ 535
7 year warranty	\$ 815
10 year warranty	\$1,035

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to purchase the 10 year warranty for the generator for \$1,035. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed purchasing ground along East Fourth Street from the Dallas City School District. It was decided to discuss this more at the next meeting.

Discussed the fences at the city cemetery and whether to repair them or remove them. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Harold Northup Jr. left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

It was reported that Western Illinois Regional Council and Benton & Associates have gotten the application for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant completed and filed.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. It was decided to have Trick-Or-Treat on Monday, October 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Discussed trading in the city's current stick welder for a MIG welder. Mayor Six will check on prices, and this will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the tires on the backhoe. The rear tires are going to need to be replaced soon. It was decided to get prices and discuss at the next meeting.

It was reported that the tailgate on the snowplow needs to be repaired.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk