

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on October 11, 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, Doris Harman, Gary Smith, and Josie Finch.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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

Doris Harman discussed the brush at the corner of West Third Street and Walnut Street and that it is making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. She also thanked the council for all of the patching that has been done recently on the city streets and alleys.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his monthly report for September 2023. A representative from Motorola is scheduled to meet with Chief Smith on October 18 to demonstrate their body camera system and how it integrates with the city's in-car camera system.

Commissioner Newberry commented on the city cemetery. She feels that it is looking good now that it has been mowed, but there are some new trees starting to grow up around some stones that need to be cut out.

Discussed the fence at the city cemetery. The council feels that the fence should not be removed and to have the city employee spray around it for weeds.

Discussed transferring the property along the south side of East Fourth Street, between Elm Street and Linn Street that the Dallas City Community School District owns, from the school district to the city. Also discussed whether or not to have this property surveyed first. The city attorney has drawn up an ordinance that would allow this transfer of property to take place. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to approve Ordinance #676, An Ordinance Declaring the Necessity of Use and Authorizing the Transfer of Property for the Benefit of the City of Dallas City. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, Northup, and Six AYE.

Discussed an ordinance that the city attorney has drafted regarding the cutting, trimming, and removal of grass, weeds, bushes, and trees by property owners. The city currently has an ordinance regarding this subject. The drafted ordinance would amend the current ordinance regarding some issues. It was decided not to act on this drafted ordinance at this time.

Mayor Six has checked on the price for new back tires for the backhoe. He received the following bids for two back tires:

Menn's Firestone	\$1198
J & R Tire Service	\$1360

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to purchase two new back tires for the backhoe from Menn's Firestone for \$1198. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mayor Six has contacted Ameren Illinois regarding the property they own on the north side of East First Street from Oak Street to the Recreation Park. The Ameren Illinois representative has asked the mayor to get him the addresses of the properties that these parcels of property are in front of.

Discussed the brush along the sidewalk in front of 61 West Third Street and the peach trees along the sidewalk in front of 30 West Second Street. It is very difficult to walk on the sidewalks at both locations.

Discussed a bush at West Fifth Street and Linn Street. The city employee has trimmed it, but it appears that it may need trimmed some more.

Discussed a company in the area that does power units that could be used as a back-up power source for the city's lift stations.

Discussed purchasing a MIG welder for the streets department. Commissioner Northup will contact S.J. Smith Welding and get a quote.

Discussed fixing the steel trim around the maintenance building and the skylight in the old ready-mix building. The city employee has checked at Menards and it appears the cost of the material is going to be less than \$500. Corey Muller has given the city an estimate for the cost of labor at \$600 to do both jobs. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Corey Muller to fix the trim around the maintenance building and the skylight in the old ready-mix building for \$600. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 17, 2023, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2024 calendar year would be \$29,083.74, including the 2024 Illinois Municipal League Dues of \$150. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 17, 2023, in order to receive the 1% discount. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed street employee Mike Amenell. His 90 day probationary period ends October 17. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to make Mike Amenell a full-time employee, with full-time employee benefits, effective October 17, 2023. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk