

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on December 13, 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, Pat Briscoe, Tracy Markey, Doug Erickson, Gary Smith, and Josie Finch.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the November 22, 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.

Tracy Markey reported that the impeller on the pump at the sewer lift station by the elevator has gone bad. The cost of a new impeller is \$2,500 plus freight. The cost of a whole new pump is \$16,000. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to purchase a new impeller for \$2,500 plus freight. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Doris Harman and Pat Briscoe appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Senior Citizens. They reported that the bench that they were planning on placing in front of the Dallas City Township Building on Oak Street can't be placed there due to the ground not being level enough. They, instead, have placed a commemorative rock there instead.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of November. He reported that the preparations for the implementation of the body worn cameras are moving forward. He has had several e-mails and an online meeting with Motorola and Access Systems regarding this. He has also contacted Midwest Outfitters in Macomb regarding the installation of the vehicle equipment for this project. He has applied for a grant through the ILEAS for 2 ballistic shields. If approved, he will be required to complete a 40 hour training course at a unknown date or location.

Chief Smith has received a letter from Hancock County advising us that the Hancock County Animal Control Officer and Kennel have been suspended, but that they are hoping to resume operations in February 2024. Until they do resume operations, any vicious animal attacks or bites that occur in the Hancock County portion of Dallas City need to be reported to the Hancock County Sheriff's office for disposition.

Chief Smith requested permission to purchase candy canes to pass out to the children at the grade school as they get to school. The school administration has already given him their approval to do this. The city council also gave Chief Smith their approval to do this.

Chief Smith reported that he recently had an emergency lighting issue on his squad car repaired at Midwest Outfitters. There is also an issue with the light bar on Officer Foster's squad car that will be addressed when the new equipment for the camera system is installed.

Mayor Six has spoken to the City of Carthage regarding their old truck/snow plow. It is a 2008 Ford F450 with 58,000 miles on it. They are asking \$15,000 for it. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to purchase the 2008 Ford F450 truck/snow plow from the City of Carthage for \$15,000. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The city's streets employee has replaced the fuel pump in the city's pickup.

Discussed the property that the city is receiving from the school district. The city attorney has not heard back from the school's attorney. She will contact the school's attorney.

Discussed the Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Program. The city has received a \$30,000 grant to do the inventory work to determine which lead service lines need to be replaced. The lead service line inventory needs to be submitted to the IEPA by April 15, 2024.

Discussed the IEPA violation at the sewer lagoon. The Illinois Rural Water Association is going to do a free sludge test at the lagoon for the city.

Discussed the waterfront property along East First Street. The city attorney has not heard anything back from the Ameren Illinois attorney.

Discussed the Paid Leave For All Workers Act that the State of Illinois has passed. It requires the city to pass an ordinance by January 1, 2024, that requires the city to provide one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours per year, starting January 1, 2014. Since the city already provides its full-time employees at least 40 hours of paid leave per year, this new act will only apply to the city's part-time employees. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Northup to pass Ordinance #678, An Ordinance Regarding The Illinois Paid Leave For All Workers Act, to provide all city employees one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours per year. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mayor Six discussed an e-mail he recently received regarding an upcoming FEMA meeting. The council gave their approval for him to attend this meeting if he would like to.

Police Chief Smith discussed purchasing a desktop computer and two monitors that will be used for the new camera system included with the police body cameras. He has received a quote from Access Systems for \$2,358.56. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to purchase the desktop computer and two monitors from Access Systems for \$2,358.56. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to enter executive session to discuss former police personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:51 p.m.

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

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

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk