

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on January 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell and Greg Olson. Peggy Newberry and Harold Northup Jr. were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Gary Smith, and Josie Finch.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that there has been a delay with the body cameras. Not all of the components have been received yet. As soon as all of the components have arrived, he will get the system running. Discussed dogs running at large. Hancock County is apparently trying to get a dog kennel for the county. The city would have to pay a daily fee for any dog that is turned in to them by the city police department.

Commissioner Olson discussed the grate at East Second Street and Elm Street. He is going to contact Huffman Welding to see if they would give the city an estimate to replace this grate.

Discussed purchasing a new MIG welder and cutting torch. The city has received an estimate from S.J. Smith Company in Keokuk, Iowa. The estimate for a new MIG welder and accessories is \$2577.21 and would be eligible for a \$400 rebate. The estimate for a new cutting torch and accessories is \$1348.12. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to purchase the new MIG welder, new cutting torch, and accessories for both for a total of \$3925.33, less the \$400 rebate. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Discussed selling the city's old welder and the 1991 Ford F250 flatbed pickup with hoist. It was decided to run ads and take bids for both items. Bids for both items will be opened at the February 28, 2024, meeting.

The city has received a letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency notifying us that the date that the lead service line inventory has to be submitted to them has been extended from April 15, 2024, to September 1, 2024.

The city attorney reported that the survey of the property west of the parking lot at the boat docks that the city is purchasing from Ameren Illinois has been completed and that her office is now working on completing the contract. She has also contacted Ameren Illinois regarding their property along the river. They indicated to her that they would be willing to sell this property. They do require that the city let them know which parcel(s) we are interested in purchasing. The city attorney will work on getting these parcel numbers and forwarding them on to Ameren Illinois.

There appears to possibly be a water leak somewhere in town. The city's maintenance employee is working on trying to locate it.

Commissioner McDowell discussed getting an estimate for the landscaping work at city hall and using money from the Beautification Fund to pay for the work. The council feels that this is a good idea, and Commissioner McDowell will work on getting an estimate.

Chief Smith reported that the radar units in the police vehicles have been re-certified.

The city council has received a request from the Illini West High School Post Prom Committee for a donation for the 2024 Illini West High School Post Prom Celebration. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDowell to donate \$325 to the Illini West High School Post Prom Celebration. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the mowing of the city cemetery this year. Nicholas Hellyer has given the council a price to do the mowing again this year. However, the council decided to run an ad and get bids. Bids for the mowing of the city cemetery will be opened at the February 28, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to enter executive session to discuss current police personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and former police personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:41 p.m.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the resignation of Magaliy Espinoza as a part-time police officer effective February 1, 2024, and to waive her reimbursing the city for her training fees since the city has already been reimbursed for these fees by the state. McDowell, Olson, and Six AYE. Newberry and Northup ABSENT.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk