

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on June 12, 2024, 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, Laurey Wibbell, Doug Erickson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2024, 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.

Laurey Wibbell discussed a tree next to their property on Birch Street that is on city property. The tree needs to be removed. She has gotten a bid from Brandan Beach for \$1,800 to remove the tree. Since it is located on city property, she requested that the city pay half, and they would pay the other half to have it removed. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to pay \$900 towards the removal of the tree on Birch Street. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mrs. Wibbell also discussed some properties in town that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance and that need to be addressed.

Doug Erickson reported on the Lead Service Line Inventory that is being done around town this week. They are hoping to have it done by the end of the week.

Mr. Erickson reported that the city's 2024 Motor Fuel Tax Letting was held on June 4, 2024. The only bid received was from W.L. Miller Company in the amount of \$25,187.50. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to accept the bid of \$25,187.50 from W.L. Miller Company. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Police Chief Gary Smith gave his report for the month of May 2024. Eight "First Warning" letters and two "Final Warning" letters have been issued for tall grass. There are three properties that need to have letters sent on but the individual property owners are deceased and there is no new contact information. Chief Smith is reviewing a grant for Body Worn Cameras. He is going to participate in a webinar on June 20 to gather more information and see if it will apply to our police department. Our police officers had a practice range on June 6 and firearms requalification is scheduled for July 17. They are also signed up for multiple training sessions running through the rest of the year. The battery on the 2020 Explorer had to be replaced as the old one would not hold a charge. Chief Smith also informed the council that he has applied for a grant through ILEAS for new TASERS, but the state legislature has failed to fully fund the grant as originally outlined under the SAFE-T Act.

Mayor Six reported that the new owner of the old high school building has indicated to him that he is planning on tearing down the majority of the building eventually, and in the meantime, he is planning on putting up a fence around the property.

Discussed the city's nuisance ordinance and possibly re-visit the idea of an abatement ordinance.

Discussed the culvert at East Second Street and Elm Street. The city is currently waiting on Brandan Beach to complete the concrete work.

Discussed a culvert on East First Street that needs replaced. The city's street employee feels that he can do this. It was decided to have the city's street employee proceed with this. Also discussed a culvert at East Fifth Street and Elm Street that needs replaced. The city's street employee feels that someone else is going to have to do this one. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six has had a resident contact him regarding the fence along the north side of the city cemetery.

Commissioner Olson discussed purchasing some life jackets for the city employees for when they put the boat docks in and out of the river.

Discussed items that are being left on the sidewalk on the south side of the old bank building.

Discussed the John Shoemate Memorial Kids Fishing Tournament that is going to be held June 15, 2024. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to donate \$400 to the Illinois Jr Fishing Association to help with the expenses of this fishing tournament for the children. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed putting "NO DUMPING" signs up along Elm Street south of East Fifth Street. It was decided to order these signs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk