

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on September 23, 2015, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, Harold Northup Jr., and Greg Olson.

Others attending the meeting were Trent Woolson and Eric Icenogle.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Discussed the city police department. Trent Woolson introduced himself to the city council. Mr. Woolson has started working for the city as a part-time police officer. He reported that he is working 3, 10 hour days, and Colton Smith is working 4, 10 hour days, each week.

Discussed the ditch and culvert by the old laundromat on West Second Street. Commissioner Olson reported that he looked at this, and it appears that the culvert is too small. The corn in the field by this ditch has now been harvested, and the city employees are going to dig the ditch out and see if the culvert is plugged.

It was reported that the city's recycling bin has been re-opened.

The city's Fall Clean-Up Days have been set for October 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Discussed properties in town that appear to be in violation of the city's nuisance ordinance. The city attorney will write letters to these property owners.

Discussed water shut offs.

Ameren Illinois has contacted Mayor Six about the trees on the south side of the alley behind the old legion hall. Ameren Illinois has checked on this and informed Mayor Six that the trees are close to Mediacom cable lines and Frontier phone lines, but not Ameren Illinois power lines.

Discussed a request to close Pine Street between Third Street and Fourth Street on October 17 for a few hours during the day for a fund raising benefit for Alan Nickols. The council gave their permission to allow this street closure for this benefit on October 17.

Doug Erickson reported via an e-mail that K & N Excavating has completed the structural support for the water salesman and that he will be over to take a look at it and complete the close-out documents for the project as soon as possible. He has not heard anything on the grants that we have applied for. He is working on getting a meeting set up between Mayor Six and a representative from the USDA Rural Development regarding a community center.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to enter executive session to discuss city personnel and benefits. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Colton Smith as the city's full-time Police

Chief, effective October 1, 2015, at a yearly salary of \$34,500, and to leave part-time police officer's wages at \$15 per hour. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Gittings to raise Karen Northup's hourly wage rate to \$10 per hour, effective October 1, 2015, for reading water meters. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to give Greg Ferrill and Steve Vorhies a 5% raise, effective October 1, 2015. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to pay Greg Ferrill and Steve Vorhies \$200 per month for health insurance, effective October 1, 2015, in lieu of offering a health insurance policy, and they will be obligated to purchase their own health insurance. Gittings, Newberry, Northup, and Olson AYE.

Discussed purchasing video cameras for the sewer lagoon, city hall/police station, and maintenance building. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed possibly changing the way citations are issued by the city police department so that they would be city citations instead of state citations.

Discussed the use of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs on the city's streets. The city attorney advised to have the police department use discretion, but not to prescribe certain rules about how to use this discretion.

Mayor Six announced that the Dallas City Pride Committee/Dallas City Celebration Committee has given the city's Beautification Fund a \$5,000 donation for the purpose of purchasing new Christmas lights for the city. The City of Dallas City would like to "THANK" the Dallas City Pride Committee/Dallas City Celebration Committee for their generous donation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk