

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on October 20, 2025, 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, Jason & Michelle Gold, Jerry Young, Mike Howley, and Mariah Wallace.

It was noted that the previous meeting's minutes should have included the following: After Mr. Howley finished discussing the proposal to put up a tower on the city's property west of the boat dock parking lot, Commissioner Olson asked Mayor Six if we could wait until the entire council was present to vote on this matter. Mayor Six said no and that it needed to be voted on tonight. Commissioner Olson left the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes, with the above revision included, of the October 6, 2025, meeting. Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. McDowell and Northup ABSTAIN.

Jerry Young introduced himself to the council. He is replacing Tracy Markey as the TEST Inc. employee that will be taking care of Dallas City.

Jason Gold thanked the council for getting the light replaced at the Legion Memorial. He also informed the council that the Dallas City Legion is once again planning on serving hot dogs and drinks for Trick-Or-Treat on October 30. They will be serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Knapps Park. Last year the city donated \$200 towards this event. Mr. Gold informed the council that this was not quite enough to pay all of their expenses last year, and asked if the council would consider donating \$300 this year. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Legion to help pay for the hot dogs and drinks for Trick-Or-Treat night. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mike Howley appeared on behalf of Verizon Wireless to discuss the proposal to lease the city's property and put up a tower west of the boat dock parking lot. Verizon Wireless would pay the city a one time lease payment of \$150,000. A motion was made by McDowell to lease the city's property west of the boat dock parking lot to Verizon Wireless for a one time payment of \$150,000. The motion died for a lack of a second.

It was reported that the zero turn mower has had a new head installed and is working fine now.

The city attorney reported that the deed has been recorded and the city now owns the lot at 396 Oak Street.

Discussed the Father Schram Hall building. The city clerk informed the council that he received a telephone call from someone from the church last week. She informed the clerk that there is not a problem with the sale to the city. It is just taking more time than usual at their end. The council discussed what the city is going to charge for someone to rent the building. This will be discussed more at a future meeting. Also discussed purchasing a generator for the Father Schram Hall building.

Discussed the request that the Bulldog Boosters made at the last meeting for a donation for their Penny Carnival. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$300 to the Bulldog Boosters for their Penny Carnival. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Jerry Young asked about some repairs that need to be done to the building at the sewer lagoon. The council has no problem with him getting what he needs and making the necessary repairs.

Discussed Pay Estimate #3 for the OSLAD project and the engineering fees for this project. Laverdiere Construction's pay estimate #3 is for \$102,317.90, and is the final payment for the construction part of the OSLAD project. Benton Engineering's invoice is for \$15,800, and is the remaining 20% of the engineering fees for the OSLAD project. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by McDowell to pay Laverdiere Construction \$102,319.90 for pay estimate #3 and Benton Engineering \$15,800 for their remaining 20% of engineering fees out of the OLSAD Grant Fund account. 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 14, 2025, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2026 calendar year would be \$30,224.22, including the 2026 Illinois Municipal League Dues of \$150. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 14, 2025, in order to receive the 1% discount. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mayor Six reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Police Chief Gary Smith Jr. His resignation is effective December 1, 2025. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to accept Gary Smith Jr.'s resignation effective December 1, 2025. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department has informed Police Chief Smith that they would be interested in purchasing the ballistic vest that Kenny Foster used when he was employed by the city. Chief Smith has quoted them the price of \$1,356.11. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to sell the ballistic vest to the Hancock County Sheriff's Department for \$1,356.11. 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 6:16 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk