

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on November 17, 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, Deana Ferrill, Tami Kaminski, Brad Jackson, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2025, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSTAIN.

Brad Jackson introduced himself. He used to work for Jackson Disposal and now has started his own trash collection business, B & K Waste Solutions. He knows that we have been having problems recently with LRS and would like for the city to consider them when the current contract is up. When he worked for Jackson Disposal, he picked up trash in Dallas City so he is familiar with the town.

Deana Ferrill discussed the upcoming Christmas projects. She requested that the council consider making a donation for Christmas with Santa for the local children and Christmas for Kids for their Toys for Tots drive. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to donate \$1,000 to be used for the Christmas with Santa and Christmas for Kids projects. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed the other Christmas donations that the city has done in the past. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Northup to donate \$400 to the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Project Santa. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$1,000 to the Dallas City Food Pantry. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Tami Kaminski discussed the sidewalk on the west side of one of their rental houses. They are hoping to get this replaced shortly after Thanksgiving. She asked if the city still pays for the concrete. The council informed her that the city does pay for the concrete for replacement sidewalks.

Police Chief Gary Smith reported that Stuff the Squad went well and the donated items have been delivered to the local food pantry.

Commissioner Olson reported that a switch had to be replaced in the backhoe.

Commissioner Northup asked that the city minutes show that the council accepted Gary Smith's letter of resignation with regret and that the council would like to thank Mr. Smith for his years of service with the city. The rest of the council agreed with this.

Discussed the problem with the trash pick-up the past 3 weeks.

Discussed the water software and messaging systems.

Discussed the purchase of Father Schram Hall. The city clerk informed the council that he has been contacted by the company that is doing the work for the church, and he has filled out the required paperwork and sent it back to them. It is scheduled to be closed by the end of the year.

Discussed the trees in the city cemetery. There are several small trees that are growing up around stones. This will be checked on and if the city employee can't take care of them, the city will try to find someone to do it.

Commissioner Newberry reported that the celebration committee would like to plant flowers around the "Dallas City" sign at city hall next year. They have requested that the city purchase a water hose for them to use to water the flowers. The council agreed to purchase a water hose for them to use.

Discussed putting some solar lights up on the north side of the new walking path. This will be checked on.

Discussed the brush on the north side of East First Street. A large portion of this property has been sold and needs to be maintained by the current owner.

Commissioner Northup has been contacted by Keith Hartweg regarding the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Program and asking for the city to donate a \$100 gift certificate. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to donate a \$100 gift certificate to Farm & Home to the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Program. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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 6:24 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk