

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on December 15, 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, Brad Jackson, Mike Clanton, Michelle Gold, Laurey Wibbell, Wes Woolson, and Doug Erickson.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2025, meeting.

Mike Clanton asked about the Father Schram Hall and what the city is planning to do with it. The council informed him that they plan on renting it out for special events and as a safe house type location when needed by the public. He also asked about the city cemetery and if people were supposed to be in the cemetery after dark.

Michelle Gold and Laurey Wibbell both asked about the police officer situation and the city's trash pickup.

Wes Woolson is a retired police officer, and he informed the council that he would like to offer his help and input with trying to get the city some police officers.

Doug Erickson discussed the sewer and lift station project. The engineer's proposal includes installing gringer pumps at approximately 16 locations that are in the flood plain. They feel that a gravity flow system would create more problems than their proposal of using the gringer pumps. The original Facility Plan has been approved, and the next step would be to pass a bond ordinance. Mr. Erickson will review the updated estimated cost for this project and draw up a preliminary bond ordinance.

Discussed the lead service line project. The city clerk reported that he mailed out the annual notice today to the water customers that have been determined to have either a lead service line, a galvanized service line that will need to be replaced, or an unknown type of service line.

Discussed water mains that are needing to be replaced.

Brad Jackson of B & K Waste Solutions discussed the changes that would be made to trash pick-up in town if the city decided to change to his company. He stated that the price would be similar to the current rate of \$17 per month per location. There would not be a recycling bin. As it currently is, each resident would be allowed one large item per month, but not things like appliances, televisions, computers, etc. Also, due to the fact that landfills are now charging extra for mattresses and boxsprings, these would not be allowed. It was asked if it would be possible for a resident that has a mattress and/or boxspring to get it picked up if they paid for it. Mr. Jackson said that it could probably be worked out to have a resident purchase some kind of sticker from the city and place it on the mattress and/or boxspring. B & K would then pick it up and bill the city for it. Mr. Jackson also indicated that trash would be picked up on Thursdays, instead of Wednesdays. The council wants to discuss this with the city attorney to make sure that it appears that the city has reasonable cause to void its current contract with LRS before any decision is made to change trash service companies.

Discussed giving Christmas bonuses to the city's employees. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to give a \$200 bonus to full-time employees, a \$100 bonus to part-time employees, and pay the employee's share of IMRF, social security, and medicare withholding. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mike Clanton asked about possibly using the Father Schram Hall for a community New Year's Eve party. Since the final paperwork has not been completed and the city has not actually obtained possession of the property yet, this would not be possible this year.

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

The meeting entered executive session at 6:54 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:13 p.m.

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 7:14 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk