

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on January 19, 2026, 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, Michelle Gold, Cathie Smith, Brad Jackson, Scott Rosson, and Doug Erickson.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Anne Thompson would like to see a police officer hired as soon as possible.

Mayor Six read a Thank You from the Illini West High School Trap Shooting Program for the city's recent donation.

Brad Jackson presented the council with a contract proposal for trash pick-up service in Dallas City starting February 1, 2026. After asking Mr. Jackson some questions, a motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to sign the contract with B&K Waste Solutions to provide weekly trash pick-up service to the residents of Dallas City for the remainder of 2026 beginning in February 2026. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The city clerk will send out letters to residents letting them know of the change in trash pick-up service. Trash will be picked up on Fridays so the the first day trash will be picked up in February is the 6th. Trash needs to be set out curbside by 5:30 a.m. There will be a limit of four (4) 30 gallon cans or eight (8) bags per week. B&K will also have totes for rent for \$2 per month. You will still be allowed one (1) large item per month, excluding mattresses and box springs. Mattresses and box springs can still be picked up, but there will be a \$60 fee per each item. In order to have mattresses and/or box springs picked up, you will have to purchase a sticker at the City Clerk's office. You will then place the sticker on the mattress or box spring, and B&K will then pick it up. Large items that will be picked up include couches, desks, table and chairs, dressers, grills with no propane tanks, and push mowers with empty gas tanks. Items that will not be picked up are tires, televisions, computers, appliances, batteries, paint cans (unless open and dry), chemicals, oil, concrete, construction/demolition materials, and yard waste. Items like televisions, computers, and appliances can be taken to the Hancock County Highway Department in Carthage on Fridays (more details can be found on the city website). If you need to rent a tote or your trash is not picked up, you can call B&K at 309-507-2696.

Doug Erickson discussed the lead service line and sewer projects. He would like for the council to put off the passing of the ordinance for the issuance of waterworks and sewage revenue bonds due to the fact that the amount probably needs to be increased since it will cover both projects. Discussed working on getting an easement that will be needed for the property that needs to be used for the sewer project.

The council asked Mr. Erickson to get a price for some additional solar lights for around the new walking path.

Discussed the legal services agreement with the Hart, Southworth, and Witsman firm to serve as the city's bond counsel for the upcoming waterworks and sewerage improvement projects, pursuant to the terms of Attorney Southworth's 12/22/2025 engagement letter. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to hire the Hart, Southworth, and Witsman law firm to serve as the city's bond counsel

for the upcoming waterworks and sewerage improvement projects, pursuant to the terms of Attorney Southworth's 12/22/2025 engagement letter. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

It was reported that there had been a water leak on West Fifth Street between Oak Street and Cedar Street last week. Laverdiere Construction had to be called in to replace two service lines that were leaking at the main. The cost of these repairs is \$10,520. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to pay Laverdiere Construction \$10,520 for these repairs. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed delinquent water bills and possibly changing the way that they are handled. Commissioner McDowell proposed no longer adding a 10% penalty on bills not paid by the 10th of the month and if the bill is not paid by the end of the month, the water will be shut off. There would then be a \$200 reconnect fee and a \$50 fee each month the service is shut off. It was then discussed about enforcing the current ordinance that adds a 10% penalty if the bill is not paid by the 10th of the month and shutting the water off if the bill is not paid by the 20th of the month with a \$50 reconnect fee. It was asked if the 10% penalty could be added the first time the bill is delinquent only and not be added each month if a service is shut off. The city clerk will check on this.

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 6:24 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:38 p.m.

Police Commissioner Northup spoke for the council and offered Scott Rosson \$62,000 per year, the authority to drive one of the city's police cars to and from work, IMRF benefits, and the city's full-time employee's \$300 per month medical insurance stipend to be the city's police chief. Mr. Rosson informed the council that these terms were acceptable to him. He did inform the council that he would have to give his current employer a two week notice. Therefore, he would not be able to start working full-time until February 4, 2026. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Scott Rosson as full-time police chief for \$62,000 per year, the authority to drive one of the city's police cars to and from work, IMRF benefits, and the city's full-time employee's \$300 per month medical insurance stipend. 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 6:49 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk