

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on April 6, 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, Todd & Lacy Morris, Christian Balmer, Scott Rosson, and Josie Finch.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to pay bills. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris introduced themselves to the council. They are new business owners in the area. He inquired about possibly giving the city a bid for the additional lights that the council has discussed putting up at the walking path at the Wetlands area. The council asked him to get them an estimate.

Christian Balmer, President of the DC Disk Golf Club, discussed the baskets that are needing replaced at the disk golf course at the Dallas City Elementary School. He asked the council to consider sponsoring a hole or making a donation to help with the cost of this project. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Police Chief Scott Rosson reported that one of the squad cars recently needed some general maintenance done to it and that the other one needs a door switch replaced. The door switch is on order and will be installed when it arrives.

Discussed the culvert along Cherry Street, north of West Third Street, that is partially plugged and needs to be jetted out. This will be done when the weather permits.

Discussed a culvert that goes under West Second Street between Spruce Street and Cottonwood Street. It appears that it is also plugged and may need jetted out. The streets commissioner will look at this and discuss it more at the next meeting.

The city clerk reported that the closing on Father Schram Hall was completed on April 1, 2026, and that the city now owns the property. Discussed trying to find someone to handle the rental activities with the recently purchased Father Schram Hall property. Also discussed purchasing a generator for this property. These items will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the tennis courts and possibly putting in a pickleball court. It was reported that there is currently a committee working on raising the necessary funds to do this.

Commissioner McDowell discussed making some changes to the ordinance concerning the payment of water/sewer bills. She would like for the city to delete the penalty that is currently placed on unpaid bills when the service has been shut off for non-payment of the bill. A new ordinance would have to be drawn up. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six announced that he would like for Commissioner Northup to start helping Commissioner McDowell with the water/sewer department.

Discussed cleaning up the area that the city owns just west of the elevator so that it could be used for a fishing area.

Discussed contacting the Verizon Wireless representative to see if they would still be interested in leasing the city's property west of the boat docks parking lot for a tower.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry 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 6:37 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 7:19 p.m.

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 7:21 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk