

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on April 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Peggy Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Chari Purchatzke, Laurey Wibbell, Judy Melton, Michelle Gold, Doug Erickson, Cristien Balmer, Chance Briggs, and Scott Rosson.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Cristien Balmer appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Disc Golf Club. He discussed their Basket Replacement Sponsorships that they are doing to raise funds in order to make the necessary upgrades to the local course so that they will be allowed to hold sanctioned tournaments and allow the participants to earn a rating. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$600 to the Dallas City Disc Golf Club. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Laurey Wibbell asked about the unlicensed vehicles that are sitting along the city's streets. Police Chief Rosson will check on this. She also asked about the fire hydrant at the foot of Creamery Hill Road and Oak Street. It is almost covered with dirt. The council will have the streets employee check on this.

Chari Purchatzke has spoken to Josh Mercer at WIRC regarding a Strong Community Grant. She has also spoken to Victoria Livingston of the Prairie Hills Resource Conservation & Development regarding the Land Bank that the city is part of. Ms. Livingston needs a prioritized list from the city showing which properties in town that the city would like to address. Mrs. Purchatzke would like to see the council have someone from the community designated to help with this.

Michelle Gold asked the council to consider putting porta potties at the walking path. Mayor Six will contact Durand Septic Service about doing this. She also informed the council that the Celebration Committee has decided to have the beer tent and entertainment located on Dave Greenig's lot south of city hall and the food tent on the city's lot east of city hall this year. The city clerk will check with the state to see what has to be done to correct the location on the state liquor license that has already been issued.

Doug Erickson discussed the sewer project and possible sites for the new lift station.

Commissioner Newberry informed the council that the Kids Fishing Tournament is going to be held on June 13, 2026.

Discussed the culvert along the east side of Cherry Street. The ditch needs to be dug out. There is a gentleman from Carthage that owns a mini excavator with a ditch bucket that he would rent to the city for \$600. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to rent the mini excavator with ditch bucket for \$600. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the city's water bill ordinance. Water Commissioner McDowell would like to amend the current ordinance so that when a customer has their water service shut off for non-payment on the 21st of the month, they will not be charged additional penalties on the past due amount after their service is shut off for non-payment. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed nuisance ordinance violations that former Police Chief Gary Smith issued.

Police Chief Scott Rosson introduced Chance Briggs to the council. Chief Rosson would like for the council to hire Mr. Briggs and Kenny Foster as part-time police officers. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to hire Kenny Foster as a part-time police officer for \$28/hour and Chance Briggs as a part-time police officer for \$24/hour. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the old Father Schram Hall building that the city recently purchased and if anything can be done to help with the acoustics inside the building.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to adjourn the meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk