

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on May 18, 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, Jim Wilson, Judy Melton, Cathie Smith, Tom Durand, Keith Durand, Frankie Sutton, Jenny Sutton, Doug Erickson, and Scott Rosson.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mayor Six reported that he recently attended a Henderson County Emergency Management Agency meeting. Several items were discussed regarding the Multijurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and the updating of the current plan so that Henderson County and its communities remain eligible for mitigation grant dollars from FEMA should project funding be requested. Mayor Six mentioned that the city wants to purchase a generator for the old Father Schram Hall building since one of the things that it is going to be used for is an emergency shelter. He was told that generators for these kinds of buildings are included in mitigation projects.

Mayor Six reported that the IDNR has announced that the city has been awarded a \$200,000 Boat Access Area Development (BAAD) Grant for the improvement project on the city's boat docks.

James Wilson asked the council to consider putting a "STOP" sign up on Oak Street at the intersection of Oak Street and First Street. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Tom Durand, Keith Durand, and Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Sutton appeared regarding the street/private drive that goes from West Fifth Street to Mr. & Mrs. Sutton's house. There has been some problems with adjoining property owners thinking that they own part of the property that this street/private drive is located on. Keith Durand asked if the city would object to them putting in a culvert along West Fifth Street and a driveway from the street to their property. The council informed him that the city would not object to this but that it is the city's policy that the property owner has to pay for the initial culvert and installation and then the city will maintain it.

Harold Northup Jr. left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Doug Erickson discussed the property that the city still needs to obtain for a lift station.

The city clerk reported that the remaining amount of the OSLAD Grant was received from the state today.

Discussed the city attorney. Commissioner Newberry has contacted several towns around the area and got the names of the attorney that they use. The city has also received word from John Hauk of Hauk and Owens Law Office that his firm would be willing to provide the city with representation. Mayor Six is going to contact Mr. Hauk.

Discussed re-naming the Father Schram Hall building. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six read a letter from the Boy Scouts of America asking the city to issue a public proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Camp Eastman. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to issue a Proclamation to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Camp Eastman. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Mayor Six has also received a request from the Hancock County 4th of July Celebration Committee for the city to pass a resolution for the Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Newberry to pass Resolution #2026-1 supporting the Illinois America250 Commemoration. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed the estimate from Land and Water Vegetation Control LLC for vegetation control around town. The cost for the vegetation control at the sewer lagoon is \$525. The cost for the vegetation control along Highway 9 and Oak Street, the cemetery fence, the guard rails west of the old high school, the guard rails along First Street, the city maintenance building, the boat dock area, and the vacant lot at 396 Oak Street is \$790. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by Olson to hire Land and Water Vegetation Control LLC to do the vegetation control at all of the previously mentioned locations at the cost of \$1,315. McDowell, Newberry, Olson, and Six AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed possibly doing building codes in town. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed prioritizing some of the properties in town that need to be addressed the most.

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 6:55 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk