

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on June 1, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Kevin Six, Finance Commissioner Peggy Newberry called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Carole McDowell, Peggy Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. and Kevin Six were absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson and Scott Rosson.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup and Six ABSENT.

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

Discussed the city attorney. As discussed at the previous meeting, Hawk & Owens Law Office has agreed to take on the city as a new client. They have recently opened an office in Carthage, Illinois, and the attorney that is working out of this office would be providing the city's law services. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to hire Hawk & Owens Law Office to provide the city legal services. McDowell, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup and Six ABSENT.

Discussed the new walking path around the Wetlands area. The idea of putting lights up around the back side of the walking path has been discussed previously. The idea of restricting the hours that people are allowed to use the walking path so that they can not be walking when it is dark was discussed. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed renaming the old Father Schram Hall building that the city recently purchased. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to rename the building Dallas City Community Center. McDowell, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup and Six ABSENT.

Also discussed how much to charge for the rental of the Dallas City Community Center. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Commissioner Olson reported that the street department's power washer has quit working. The streets employee has checked with Jim Melton about the cost for a different one. A used power washer is \$500 and a new one is \$1,599. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to purchase a new power washer from Melton's Auto for \$1,599. McDowell, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup and Six ABSENT.

Commissioner McDowell discussed a recent Land Bank meeting that she and Cathie Smith attended. There is a SCP Grant available thru the Land Bank. If approved, the maximum amount that the Land Bank could obtain is \$750,000. If the city decides to have the Land Bank apply for the grant on our behalf, the money would be split among the communities that the Land Bank represents. If we have the Land Bank apply for this grant for us, there will be 7 communities using the Land Bank. This grant money can be used to purchase property and then either rehabilitate the building/house or demolish it. This is a reimbursable grant so the city would have to pay the expenses and then get reimbursed. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to have the Land Bank act on the city's behalf and apply for the SCP Grant. McDowell, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup and Six ABSENT.

Discussed contacting the Illinois Department of Transportation about possibly putting up "NO ENGINE BRAKING" signs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk