

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 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 Deana Ferrill, Anne Thompson, Steven James, Cathie Smith, Michelle Gold, and Alicyn Gerhardt.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the June 15, 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.

Steven James asked when the last police citation was issued and who was responsible if his grandchild fell in a hole on a property. After raising his voice to the council, Mayor Six asked Mr. James to leave the meeting.

Michelle Gold requested permission to use the water hose and water from the city hall building to water some flowers that the Celebration Committee has purchased and is going to plant for the upcoming city celebration. The council gave her permission to do this. She also requested that some tree limbs be trimmed that are starting to hang out over some street signs. The city's streets employee will be informed about this.

Commissioner Northup reported that he recently came in to start the police cars, and one of them has a dead battery. He is going to contact Melton's Auto to take a look at it. He also informed the council that the city's two current part-time police officers have both decided not to work for the city any longer. There are a couple of Hancock County Sheriff's reserves that have agreed to work during the city celebration and will be using some of the police department's equipment.

Commissioner McDowell reported that the Land Bank has voted to bid on the old cleaners building on Oak Street next to the railroad tracks. If they are successful in obtaining this property, the building will be torn down, the property cleaned up, and the lot will become the city's.

Mayor Six reported that a sign has been put up at the intersection of Oak Street and First Street showing that U-turns are permissible.

Discussed the renting of the Dallas City Community Center. Also discussed whether or not to allow alcohol to be served. Deana Ferrill has indicated that she would be willing to take care of handling the reserving of the community center by groups or people. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the walking path and whether or not to close it at night or put solar lights up.

Discussed advertising for a police chief. The city attorney has drawn up an ad to run.

Discussed a contract for legal services with Hauk & Owens LLC. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to hire Hauk & Owens LLC to be the city's attorney. 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 6:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk