

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on July 20, 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 Dean and Sharon Scott, Anne Thompson, Keith Durand, Tom Durand, Judy Melton, Michelle Gold, Mike Clanton, and Kenny Foster.

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

Dean and Sharon Scott discussed a problem with the culvert by their house on Pine Street. When it rains, the water backs up in the ditch in front of their house. There have been several times when this backed up water has covered their sidewalk and driveway. It has also gotten up over their handicapped ramp to their front door. Their biggest concern is if this happens and the ramp is not accessible, an ambulance's personnel would not be able to get Mr. Scott out of the house if necessary. Mayor Six will contact BNSF to try to get them to fix the problem that is causing the water to back up.

Michelle Gold reported that the Celebration Committee has put some plants in at the city hall. The hose that the city is letting them use to water the plants is not in very good condition. She asked the council to consider purchasing a new hose.

Mike Clanton asked about the people that are currently mowing the city cemetery. He says that they have not been weed eating along the fences. Discussed a dead tree in the cemetery. Mr. Clanton also asked about the cemetery records. The city clerk informed him that what records the city has are available for the public to look at and that they are at the city clerk's office.

Discussed the city's police cars. The batteries in the cars are getting drained. Commissioner Northup has checked with Melton's Auto about installing a battery tender in each of the police cars. Melton's have told him that they can do it. He reported that a couple of extension cords are needed.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to purchase two 25 foot extension cords, two battery tenders, and a new water hose. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Judy Melton asked about the building at 386 Oak Street. The council informed her that according to county records this property is owned by an out of town LLC.

Mayor Six reported that Matt Markey has donated sand for the city to use on the lot at 396 Oak Street to help level it off.

Discussed the handling of the reserving of the community center. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed a dead tree on East First Street. Mike Dill has offered to remove the tree for \$1,500. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to hire Mike Dill to remove the dead tree on East First Street for \$1,500. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed oil and chipping of streets. It was decided to complete the necessary patching this year and then discuss oil and chipping next spring.

Discussed a recent water break along East Third Street. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to pay White Excavating LLC \$500 for the use of their trackhoe to help fix the water break. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed amending Ordinance #667 and requiring that water bills not paid by the 20th of the month be shut off, no additional penalties be added after being shut off, and adding a \$400 fee if the bill is not paid within two months. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to pass Ordinance #689, amending Ordinance #667 and requiring water bills not paid by the 20th of the month to be shut off, no additional penalties be added after shut off, and adding a \$400 fee if the bill is not paid within two months. The \$50 reconnection fee will still apply to anyone whose water is shut off for non-payment. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed the city's 2026-2027 budget and appropriations ordinance. This ordinance has to be passed by July 31, 2026. Therefore, a public hearing and a special meeting will need to be held before July 31, 2026. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Northup to hold a Public Hearing regarding the city's 2026-2027 budget and appropriations at city hall on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5 p.m. and a special council meeting to approve the 2026-2027 budget and appropriations ordinance at city hall on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed wage increases for the city's current employees. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

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