

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on August 3, 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 Tom Durand and Alicyn Gerhardt.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Newberry to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2026, special meeting for the passing of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

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

Tom Durand discussed a situation that occurred a few weeks ago when another resident made a threat against him. Commissioner Northup will check to see if this was ever reported to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Six reported that he has tried contacting BNSF regarding the culvert on Pine Street that needs to be addressed, but they have not gotten back to him.

It was reported that a large tree in the city cemetery was blown down during a recent storm. Mike Dill is working on the removal of the tree but has been delayed due to equipment break downs. There was also a tree branch that fell onto East Fifth Street recently. Mr. Dill cleaned this branch up and removed it.

Discussed enforcing the city ordinance regarding grass not being mowed.

The city clerk reported that the city has received a letter from the Dallas Rural Water District notifying us that our rate for the bulk water that we purchase from them will be increasing in May 2027. The council will discuss the city's water rates that it charges its customers at a future meeting.

Discussed a retaining wall along Oak Street between West Fourth Street and West Fifth Street. It appears to be deteriorating. Discussed possibly closing the sidewalk along this retaining wall. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed the community center. Deana Ferrill and Sally Six have agreed to work together with the upkeep of the center and taking care of the reserving of the center by groups and individuals.

Discussed kids riding scooters and electric bicycles on the sidewalks and in the streets around town. The city attorney will check to see if this is legal and if the city can make an ordinance to stop this.

Discussed the contract with TEST and what the TEST employees are required to do for the city. Also discussed possibly trying to find someone to help the streets employee if the TEST employees are not going to help him with water and sewer issues.

Discussed the city council meeting that is scheduled for September 7, 2026. Since this is Labor Day it was decided to change the meeting date. A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by McDowell to change the first city council meeting in September from September 7, 2026, to September 8, 2026. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to enter executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McDowell-AYE, Newberry-AYE, Northup-AYE, Olson-AYE, and Six-AYE.

The meeting entered executive session at 6:21 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Northup to give Mike Amenell a \$2 per hour raise, Steve Vorhies an equivalent, since he is salaried, of a \$2 per hour raise, and to increase the monthly health insurance stipend for full time employees from \$300 per month to \$400 per month. 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 6:44 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk