

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on August 17, 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, Michelle Gold, Judy Melton, and Jalen Smith.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Anne Thompson asked about the headstones that were recently knocked over by the tree that was blown down in the city cemetery. The council plans to re-set the headstones that were knocked over.

Judy Melton reported on the recent Land Bank meeting that she attended. The Land Bank has still not heard anything from Hancock County regarding the property in Dallas City that they placed a bid on.

Michelle Gold complimented the city's streets employee for the work that he has gotten done on West Fifth Street, but she requested that the trees and brush along West Fifth Street still be cleaned up a little bit more.

Jalen Smith appeared on behalf of the Dallas City Sports Boosters. She reported that they are having their annual Kids Carnival on August 28, 2026. She asked if the council would be willing to make a donation towards this event. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to donate \$300 to the Dallas City Sports Boosters for their annual Kids Carnival. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Mayor Six reported that he recently spoke to the BNSF Roadmaster regarding the culvert on Pine Street. The roadmaster informed the mayor that BNSF was in town this week working on crossings and that he will take a look at the culvert.

Discussed the bills that the city has received from Mike Dill for the removal of the tree that fell in the city cemetery and the tree that fell onto East 5th Street recently. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by McDowell to pay Mike Dill \$4,500 for the removal of the tree in the cemetery and \$500 for the removal of the tree on East 5th Street. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Discussed getting a generator for the Community Center. It was decided to contact the gentleman that the city purchased the one from for the city hall building to see what the cost would be.

Paul Koscielski recently called the city clerk to inform him that the cheapest rate for electricity for the next year is with AmerenIllinois.

The city clerk discussed the city's water/sewer software. UBMax sold out to gWorks last year, and they have converted the city's old UBMax software over to the gWorks software. The city clerk has been having a lot of problems with the gWorks software, including the city's customers not being able to pay their bills online, and he can't get anyone from the company to call him back. A former employee of UBMax contacted the city clerk last week to let him know that he has started up his own water/sewer software company, Ion Data Systems LLC. The city clerk took part in a demonstration of the Ion Data Systems software. It is very similar to the UBMax software. The cost for the Ion Data Systems software is \$1,399 per year. The cost of the gWorks software for 2026 is \$2,430. Ion Data Systems also offers a messaging system for \$399 per year. The city is currently paying \$3,500 per year. A

motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by McDowell to switch the water/sewer software and the messaging system to Ion Data Systems. 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 6:07 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk