

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on September 8, 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, Judy Melton, Cathie Smith, and Alicyn Gerhardt.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2nd by McDowell to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2026, meeting. 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.

Anne Thompson asked about the police situation. Commissioner Northup is working on trying to find a police chief and police officers. However, due to the state mandates, it has become very difficult to find officers.

Commissioner McDowell reported that the property at 386 Oak Street was purchased by a LLC last fall. It was decided to have the city attorney send the owner a letter to see if they would be interested in selling it.

Discussed making an ordinance regarding e-bikes in town. The State of Illinois recently passed a law that will go into effect January 1, 2027, that will address this. Discussed sending a letter home with the students at the grade school that would help explain this new law.

Discussed a possible problem with East Fifth Street east of Maple Street. The city attorney will look into this.

The city attorney discussed the retaining wall along Oak Street between Fourth Street and Fifth Street. She feels that the parking area is the state's and that they would have to make it a no parking area, but that the city could close off the sidewalk.

Commissioner McDowell discussed the Prairie Hills Land Bank. With our membership with them, the city has the option to engage the services of their contracted building code inspector, EWL Consulting LLC, to provide building inspections, property maintenance code enforcement reports, and property owner notification letters. A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with EWL Consulting LLC thru the Prairie Hills Land Bank. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Commissioner McDowell also reported that the Hancock County Trustee Tax Sale accepted the Prairie Hills Land Bank's bid for the property on Oak Street just south of the railroad tracks. They will proceed with the demolition of the building as soon as possible.

Discussed getting a generator for the community building. Commissioner Northup will contact the gentleman that the city purchased the one for the city hall from.

The Dallas City Celebration Committee has asked for the city to install a pole at the city hall lot with a breaker box so that they can plug their items into it. Commissioner Northup will look into this.

Discussed Trick-Or-Treat. A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to have Trick-Or-Treat on Friday, October 30, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The Dallas City Legion is planning to serve hot dogs and drinks at Knapps Park on Trick-Or-Treat night. A motion was made by Olson, and 2nd by Newberry to donate \$350 to the Dallas City Legion to help pay for the cost of the hot dogs and drinks for Trick-Or-Treat night. 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 6:23 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk