

The Dallas City City Council held its regular meeting on September 21, 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, Laurey Wibbell, Chari Purchatzke, Cathie Smith, Doug Erickson, and Jerry Young.

A motion was made by McDowell, and 2nd by Olson to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2026, meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

Laurey Wibbell asked about the city getting a police officer. Commissioner Northup reported that he is working on it, but it is very difficult to find one.

Chari Purchatzke reported that Victoria Livingston of the Prairie Hills Land Bank is working with the railroad in regards to the demolition of the building on Oak Street just south of the railroad tracks. A closing date on the property has not been set, but there is environmental testing that needs to be done also.

Doug Erickson reported that the BAAD Project for the boat ramp is moving forward. He is hoping for the construction of the project to begin next spring. He also reported that the sewer project is still on hold until the city is able to find a location to put a lift station.

Discussed issues with the Illinois EPA. Jerry Young will follow up with his people at TEST Inc. and have them contact Mr. Erickson.

Commissioner Newberry discussed the area on East First Street just west of Osage Street. It appears that some gravel needs to be put down or possibly putting up a guard rail on the north side of East First Street. She also reported that a resident on West Fifth Street is getting water in his basement whenever it rains. It appears that the ditch along West Fifth Street between Oak Street and Cedar Street needs to be cleaned out.

Discussed purchasing a generator for the community center. Commissioner Northup has been trying to contact the gentleman that the city purchased the one from for the city hall, but he has not been able to reach him. The city clerk has sent the gentleman a letter asking him to contact Commissioner Northup. Mayor Six reported that he has been contacted by a gentleman that has a used generator for sale. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Mayor Six reported that he received a call from a woman that is a member of Trees Forever. They are inviting the city to become a member of their organization. She is planning on coming to the next meeting to discuss this more with the council.

Mayor Six spoke to a property owner in town that is interested in selling his property to the city. The location of this property could be used for the new lift station needed for the sewer project. It was decided to have Mayor Six discuss the possibility of the city purchasing this property with the current property owner and finding out how much he wants for the property.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by Olson to enter executive session to discuss police 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 6:07 p.m.

The meeting re-entered regular session at 6:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Northup, and 2nd by McDowell to adjourn the meeting. McDowell, Newberry, Northup, Olson, and Six AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk