

The Dallas City Council held its regular meeting on October 25, 2017, at 5 p.m. Mayor Kevin Six called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Lila Gittings, Esther Newberry, and Greg Olson. Harold Northup Jr. was absent.

Others attending the meeting were Anne Thompson, Doug Erickson, Chris Classen, and Gary Smith.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2017, meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Police Chief Gary Smith discussed the “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day” that will be held on October 28, 2017, at the City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He reported that the new police car has been picked up and left in Macomb so that the necessary equipment can be installed in it. The lettering has been removed from the old police car, and it will be sold at the auction on November 4. Mr. Keith Feikert has donated a radio and other equipment to the police department. Chief Smith informed the council that he has received a waiver for a training refresher course.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to give Keith Feikert a \$250 gift card for his donation of the radio and other equipment to the police department. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Chris Classen reported that there had been a water break on Tuesday that has been repaired. He also had to unplug a sewer line this week.

Doug Erickson reported that everything is ready to bid for the sewer project. We just have to wait for final approval from the IL DCEO.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to authorize the going out to bid for the Dallas City collection system improvements project upon concurrence by the IL DCEO. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Anne Thompson asked about vehicle operators that have been burning their tires on the city streets and state highways in town, as well as driving down the wrong side of the streets. The city police will start watching for this and issue tickets if it continues.

Discussed a resident that appears to have a garage filled with garbage. The police chief informed the council that if the garbage is inside the garage there isn't anything that can be done by the city. If the garbage is outside of the garage, then it would be a nuisance ordinance violation.

Discussed a couple of street lights at the boat docks. One is not working and AmerenIllinois will be notified about it. It appears the problem with the other light is that there is a tree around it that needs to be trimmed. Mayor Six will contact AmerenIllinois to see if they would be willing to trim the tree since it is located near one of their power lines. If they will not do it, then it was decided to contact Chris Akers about doing it.

Discussed having Chris Akers put up and take down the city's Christmas lights this year. A motion was made by Olson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to offer Chris Akers up to \$500 to put up and take down the city's Christmas lights this year. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed streets that need to be oiled and chipped in 2018.

On behalf of the LaMoine Valley A.B.A.T.E. Organization, Mayor Six thanked the council for the city's donation for their "Project Santa". He also informed everyone that the Project Santa festivities will be held on November 26 at Ike's.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson to donate \$650 to the Grace Bible Church Food Pantry. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to donate \$150 to the Dallas City American Legion to help reimburse them for their costs of serving hot dogs on Trick-Or-Treat night. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

Discussed a dog that is running at large in town.

Commissioner Olson reported that he has spoken to the owner of a piece of property in town that the city is interested in purchasing. They are asking \$25,000. It was decided to discuss this more at the next meeting.

Water shut offs were done this week.

Discussed adopting an ordinance for the use of ATV's and golf carts on the city's streets. The city attorney has drawn up a draft of such an ordinance. The members of the council and the police chief were each given a copy of the ordinance draft to review, and it will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Discussed a bill for the mowing of the city cemetery. There appears to be a discrepancy with the bill, and Commissioner Newberry will contact the contractor regarding it.

Discussed the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. If paid in full by November 17, 2017, there is a 1% discount, and the premium for the 2018 calendar year would be \$30,851.88. A motion was made by Gittings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberry to renew the city's insurance with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and pay the premium in full by November 17, 2017, in order to receive the 1% discount. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

A motion was made by Newberry, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gittings to adjourn the meeting. Gittings, Newberry, and Olson AYE. Northup ABSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Steven K Vorhies, City Clerk