

**DALLAS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, September 16, 2013**  
**Council Chambers**

The Dallas City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Brian Dalton presiding.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members present: Councilor Jim Brown, Councilor Jim Fairchild, Councilor Kelly Gabliks, Councilor Beth Jones, Councilor Jackie Lawson, Councilor Kevin Marshall, Councilor Murray Stewart, Council President LaVonne Wilson, and Councilor Ken Woods, Jr.

Also present were: City Manager Ron Foggin, City Attorney Lane Shetterly, Police Chief John Teague, Fire Chief Bill Hahn, City Recorder Emily Gagner, and Recording Secretary Jeremy Teal .

Mayor Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mayor Dalton asked the audience members to limit their speeches to five minutes.

Mike Harris, 796 SW Mill St, Dallas, commented that he and his wife moved to Dallas a year ago. He noted they picked Dallas because of the friendly people and the hometown feel. He thanked everyone for being so friendly and inviting.

Chief Teague stated this was his last Council meeting and thanked the Council for their support over the years. He commented that Dallas was a great place to raise kids and have them be safe. He noted that Dallas felt poised to capture the population growth that was coming.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilor Marshall *to approve the Consent Agenda as presented*. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Items approved by the Consent Agenda: a) the September 3, 2013, City Council meeting minutes, b) Temporary OLCC Application for Rogue Ales for Beyond the Harvest festival at Old Mill Feed.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were none.

**REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilor Fairchild gave everyone an agenda from the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Steering Committee. He noted this committee dealt with how the NLC lobbies at the national level.

Council President Wilson thanked the staff for the watershed tour. She thanked Mr. Braun and Insituform working on the sewer pipe cleaning and repair by Ceres Gleann.

Councilor Brown reported there was a water main break on Douglas Street and the water was back on an hour and a half later. He noted there was no rust or anything in the water when it came back on.

Councilor Lawson commented that she attended the Chamber Luncheon and it covered the upcoming Public Safety Levy. She noted that it was an important issue and beneficial for people to listen and educate themselves on the levy.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF**

AUGUST FINANCIAL

Mr. Foggin reported that August financial statement was looking good with every department and every fund tracking well. He noted the Finance Department was over slightly on their budget due to paying all the memberships the City was a part of.

Councilor Fairchild asked about the Aquatic Center's anticipated revenues. Councilor Brown commented that costs were down. Mr. Foggin reported the Aquatic Center was tracking ahead by approximately 5% revenue. He noted that just over 31% had been collected. He stated it was typical just coming out of summer.

#### **CHARTER FRANCHISE MEETING UPDATE**

Mr. Foggin noted that he was unable to attend the Charter Franchise meeting, but Ms. Gagner could field questions regarding the meeting. Ms. Gagner noted that Councilor Brown and Councilor Stewart attended the meeting and stated the information covered in the staff report was given by Charter at the meeting.

Mr. Foggin advised that part of the franchise agreement with Charter stated the City could hold a public meeting annually. He noted the City had received a few complaints, but the meeting wasn't well attended. He stated that the City would hold the meeting every year to get people in the habit of attending. He commented that Mike Holland attended and Charter was able to answer his questions.

#### **OTHER**

Mr. Foggin advised that the City had a franchise agreement with NW Natural and they based the percentage of the franchise fee on state averages. He noted that the new statewide average was 5.94%, raising the Dallas percentage from 5% to 5.94%. He commented that would automatically be charged to the citizens and remitted it to the City.

Mr. Foggin reported the 800/900 blocks of Main Street project was underway and the groundbreaking went well. He advised that a few buildings had foundation issues that would need to be dealt with. He stated that with these issues being found he would like to revisit the building maintenance ordinance. He noted that after talking with the building inspectors and the Engineering Department it would be critical to pass an ordinance.

Mr. Foggin thanked everyone that came on the watershed tour. He noted that another one was planned for those who were unable to attend the first tour.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE**

##### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE**

##### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Dalton stated the Polk County Board of Commissioners was requesting a letter of support from the City Council for the upcoming Public Safety Levy that would be on the ballot in November. Mr. Shetterly advised that no City resources or staff time could be used to endorse the levy. He stated that the Council could write a letter and endorse it if they wished.

Councilor Brown asked if there was any reason the Council should be opposed to it. He noted that we should all benefit from it. Chief Teague stated that there was no reason to oppose it, unless one didn't want more police on the roads. He noted it would fill two positions at the District Attorney's office and it was a benefit to everyone.

Mr. Foggin advised that the County spoke at the Chamber luncheon and explained where the money would be used and why it was important. He noted that the only opposition could be the property taxes going up \$.60 per \$1,000 for four years and would ratchet up after the first year. He stated it would put more deputies on the road and increase prosecution and jail services. He indicated that the Council should learn and understand what the levy covered and why we would benefit from it.

Councilor Lawson stated she would prefer to have someone come and explain the levy to the Council. She noted that she would like to know where the money would go. Mr. Foggin indicated that the County wouldn't be able to answer that because the budget committee was not scheduled to meet and decide how the funds were spent until after the election.

Mr. Shetterly stated that the County could come give factual information and the staff could give factual information, but staff couldn't advocate for the levy.

Mayor Dalton stated the fourth leg of the levy was the community corrections and the rehab of the criminals. He noted this levy would continue to help support that.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager