

Dwight City Council Minutes

April 20th, 2015

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on April 20th, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the swearing in and oath of Councilwoman Melissa Ellis, Councilwoman Pam Goss and Councilman Richard Lindgren. Other Council members present were John Traynor and Kathy Worrell.

Visitors present: Chris Stewart, Jay Evans, City Attorney Ben Oleen, Ricky Worrell, Donnie Glessner and Heather Brown were also present.

Jay Evans was in attendance to request a ditch be cleaned out so water can flow freely. The ditch is plugged and there is sardock growing. Council told Donald to begin working on the ditch to get the water moving freely again. He will spray Rodeo on the ditch. Councilwoman Ellis informed Donald that she will provide him with some Toron to spray on the trees. City Attorney Ben Oleen provided handouts to Council regarding the Water Improvement Fees and Water Rate changes. Council discussed their different options regarding the fees. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to amend Resolution #2012-10-15 to become Resolution #2015-4-20 to change water rates effective June 1, 2015. This Resolution states ~~all~~ consumers within the city limits shall pay a minimum charge of \$32.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water, \$4.00 per thousand for the next 4,000 gallons, and \$5.00 per thousand thereafter. All consumers outside the city limits shall pay a minimum charge of \$42.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water, \$4.00 per thousand for the next 4,000 gallons and \$5.00 per thousand thereafter.+ The Resolution also states ~~water~~ improvement fees will no longer be charged after May 18th, 2015 to premises that are current on their fees owed to the city for services. All properties that are not current for fees from services will continue to be charged the \$10 per month water improvement fees until their premises become current on fees. Payment to become current on all fees before June 1, 2015 will not include late fee and penalties. Any payments made after June 1, 2015 to become current may be brought to the Dwight City Council for forgiveness of any previously incurred late fees or penalties.+ Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to pass the proposed amendment to Ordinance 2012-10-15. This amendment states that a lien can be placed on properties that fail to pay for water or sewer services. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Councilwoman Ellis moved to accept the minutes of the March 16th, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the Special City Council meeting on March 30th, 2015. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported that the brush pile has been under control. He spread dirt around the City Office lawn. Council approved for him to plant fescue on the City Office lawn. Donald attended the KRWA Conference and received credit for the hours towards his Re-Certification. The road grader is still at the shop and has not been repaired yet. Councilman Lindgren will keep Council updated on the status of the road grader repairs. A report was called in about the sewer being plugged between manholes 26 and 27. Mayer Specialty Services was called out to flush the sewer out. Mayor Johnson reported that the repairs to this area were to be done in May 2012 but was never completed due to a miscommunication. Heather will contact Larsen Construction to have the repairs completed.

Water Manager Report: Brad Reynoso was not in attendance but provided a written report. Brad reported that the Biological Water Samples have all come back normal. Ronnie Gallaway removed the brass from the old water salesman meter and gave the City the \$29 received from the brass.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. Ricky had nothing to report. Councilwoman Goss reported that she has seen a dog out and in the road often. Ricky will keep an eye out for the dog.

City Treasurer: Mina Miller was not in attendance and will provide Council with the Quarterly reports as soon as they are completed.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She provided Council with a current Dog Registration list. There were 59 dogs at the dog clinic on April 11th.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of KDHE for water testing in the amount of \$72.00 and to Adams Lumber for \$49.93 for padlocks for the water meters. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather Brown provided Council with the contract between the City of Dwight and the Dwight Masonic Lodge. Mayor Johnson shared concerns from the Lodge regarding their Community Building rental bill. Heather will invite Norman Thompson to the May 18th Council meeting to discuss in further detail. She provided Council with the list of elected Council from the Morris County Clerk. She also provided them with a copy of the letter she wrote to Union Pacific regarding the noise from idling trains and the need for underpass repairs.

Old Business: Councilwoman Ellis stated that she will begin tearing out the old fence at the City Park. The company she works for, Zero Waste Solutions, will build the fence in the upcoming months. Councilwoman Goss asked Councilwoman Ellis to have ZWS provide the City with a letter stating that they agree to build the fence at no charge. Donald will remove the trees along the fence.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss made the motion to donate \$50 to Christy Claypool to reimburse her for the Easter candy purchased for the Easter egg hunt at the City Park. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to donate \$50 to Prairie Heights PTO to go towards the rental of an inflatable for the school carnival. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Heather will mail out letters to all residents whom have a water improvement fee only. She will highlight the Ordinance area of change and explain their options of paying their account in full to avoid paying the late fees.

Open Forum: Councilman Traynor asked Council if he could attend the Governing Body Institute in Topeka on May 16th. Councilwoman Worrell moved to send Councilman Traynor to the Institute on May 16th for the price of \$160.00. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Ellis shared that Fort Riley's garage sales will be held on May 9th. Heather updated Council on the list of garage sales to be held in Dwight on May 2nd. Councilwoman Goss asked if the electrical light had been repaired at the ball field. Mayor Johnson reported that Jones Electric in Herington made the repairs. Councilwoman Goss also reported that she has purchased pots to plant the geraniums in and will be purchasing flowers to plant on Main Street. She also stated that she had Heather purchase padlocks for the water meters due to residents turning the meters back on themselves after their water had been disconnected by the City.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Ellis seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:19PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on May 18th, 2015 at 7 PM.