

## Dwight City Council Minutes

August 15th, 2016

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7:10 PM on August 15th, 2016. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Kathy Worrell, John Traynor, Melissa Ellis and Richard Lindgren.

Visitors present: Butch Roberts, County Clerk Michelle Garrett, Cindy Jensen (Aldrich & Co), Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner and City Clerk Heather Brown. Butch Roberts requested a \$50 donation to be used towards school supplies for Prairie Heights Elementary School students. Council will discuss in old business. Cindy Jensen provided a copy of the audit to Council. Cindy stated that there were no problems with the audit. Michelle Garrett provided draft copies of the 2017 budget to Council. Council discussed different mill levy increases and will be decided on in new business.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the July 18th, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Donald stated that Dennis at Two-Wire Electric got the sewer pump operating correctly. Dennis explained that after being cleaned by Mayer, approximately three inches of gravel and sewage in the bottom of the wet well. A float ball had also gotten sucked up and had clogged a pipe. Heather will notify Mayer by letter about the gravel and soot not being cleaned out properly. Donald has been repairing pot holes in town. Heather and Donald have hung half of the new street signs. Heather had to order some more pole caps before the rest of the signs can be put up. Heather will return 73 unused brackets to ESCO Signs for a credit.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was not in attendance but provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. Ryan stated that both back up wells had 250 gallons flushed from them but both need repaired. Heather will order the parts needed from HD Supply. Ryan attended a water components class on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Manhattan. He cut limbs on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. Ricky stated that it has been a quiet month with nothing to report. Heather provided Ricky with Ordinance No. 200D to give to a new resident in town due to complaints.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She also provided a written Clerk Report. She stated that two Utility Deposits were refunded this month.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of ESCO Signs for \$144.53 and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for \$150 for filing audit. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson spoke about the DCDC Summerfest meeting. The shelter house at the Park has a 110 outlet, but a 220 outlet is needed for vendor trailers. Mayor Johnson asked Council to consider putting in a 220 outlet. He also asked if the City would like to sponsor any events at Summerfest. Council will consider and get back with them. No work has been completed on the road grader. The TCT grant welcome banners have not been ordered yet.

Councilman Traynor made the motion to donate \$50 towards school supplies to Butch Roberts. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Councilwoman Worrell stated that she was unsure that is is a City matter to donate towards school supplies. Councilman Traynor stated that many kids would go without supplies without the Robertsqgenerosity. Motion did not carry 2-3. (Worrell, Goss and Lindgren)

New Business: Councilwoman Ellis moved to accept Ordinance No. 2016-8-15 as presented. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Goss moved to pay an additional \$5000 from the water fund on the General Obligations Bond payment. Total payment with additional principal is \$29,067.50 to be paid on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Johnson shared four quotes regarding Hustler mowers from NAPA. Council reviewed the quotes with much discussion. Heather will gather information about the current mower. Mayor Johnson will get further quotes. The main concern at this time is the road grader repairs.

After much discussion, Mayor Johnson proposed a mill levy increase of 4.664 mills. 1.664 mills of this is a required mill levy increase. As an example, a residential property with an assessed value of \$50,000 would see a tax increase of \$26.82 per year. One mill would provide the City with \$994.00. Councilwoman Ellis moved to increase the mill levy by 4.664 mills. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss has heard some complaints regarding a residence in town needing mowed. Heather will send him a letter and the weed Ordinance. Council will discuss other properties needing mowed at the September Council meeting.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Ellis seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on September 19th, 2016 at 7 PM.