

Dwight City Council Minutes

December 21st, 2017

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on December 21st, 2017 at 7 PM. Mayor Galen Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Council President Pam Goss, Kathy Worrell, John Traynor, John Talley and Richard Lindgren.

Visitors present: Shirley Hoch, Steve Euler, David Lighthall, Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Water Manager Ryan Taylor and City Clerk Heather Brown.

Mayor Johnson inquired about who attended the meeting on December 18th, 2017. Councilman Lindgren, Councilwoman Goss and Councilman Traynor attended. The meeting was continued to this Meeting. Councilwoman Goss provided minutes from that meeting.

Steve Euler and Shirley Hoch, from the Rural Water District Office, were in attendance to notify the City of a wholesale water rate increase. Steve provided Council with a handout detailing this increase. The City will continue to purchase water from the Rural Water District.

Minutes: Councilman Traynor moved to accept the minutes of the November 20th, 2017 regular meeting. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported that the sewer facilities are in good shape and operating well. Ricky Worrell will look at the outlet not working in the Library. Donald replaced the bulb on the outside light at the Library but it is still not working. He will need to make additional repairs. NAPA performed annual maintenance on the City Hustler mower. Donald assisted residents on 6th Street with sewer problems. He did street maintenance on potholes in town and spread gravel where needed.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He assisted Steve Euler replacing valves at the water tower. All is working properly at the tower now. He replaced furnace filters in the City Office. Ryan stated that he put new batteries in the battery backups at the tower.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was not in attendance but provided a written report stating that there were no reports for this month.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. USDA performed an inspection on December 20th, 2017. The USDA recommends sending out a survey to all customers requesting information on ethnicity and gender. Council discussed this in length. Once USDA provides more information on this a decision will be made whether to send out a survey or not. The inspection went great. One meter was disconnected for non-payment. Council gave Heather the approval to refund a water deposit. Heather called Westar about an outlet not working on an electrical pole on Main Street. She noted that Charlie Quick has been in at least once a week donating many items to the Trading Post. She stated that Michelle

Garrett gave approval for up to \$12,500 be transferred to another fund from General. A resident had been in requesting his newly constructed home be given a house number. Council referred him to the County.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson gave a verbal report regarding Flint Hills Regional Council. He spoke about sewer problems on 6th & 7th Street. David Campbell came out to clean out the City line which was plugged. Mayer Specialty Services came to unplug roots from the line. Mayor Johnson suggested having Larsen Construction come out to dig at manhole #4. The City will pay for the expenses of Campbell and Mayer due to the problem being on the City side of the line.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with the additions of Dwight Electrical and Plumbing for \$77.66. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared Christmas cards from Tri-County Telephone, Ben Moore Studio and Mayer Specialty Services.

Old Business: Heather will create a spreadsheet detailing income and expenses for the Community Building so Councilwoman Goss can create a new rate plan for rent.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss suggested that the City not contribute to the Trading Post. So far citizens have been doing a great job restocking it. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to have Cindy Jensen perform the annual City audit. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Heather inquired about the code when forfeiting a resident's deposit. Council stated that if a resident is late on their bill, their deposit will be forfeited and not applied to their account or refunded. Council decided not to make any transfers this year. Heather will let Michelle Garrett know of the decision.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss moved to hold a Special City Council Meeting on January 8th, 2018 specifically to swear in newly elected Council members. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Council will sign a form to request the Special meeting. Mayor Johnson stated that work needs to be done at the tennis courts and City Park. Donald stated that new timbers are needed for the sand at the City Park. Heather asked if Council members who attended the regular meeting on December 18th will be paid. The meeting was continued, so Council members will be paid for the Special Meeting only. Heather also thanked Councilwoman Worrell for her service as a Council member and for being so easy to work with.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Worrell made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on January 15th, 2018 at 7 PM.