

Dwight City Council Minutes

February 16th, 2015

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7:05 PM on February 16th, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, John Traynor, Melissa Ellis and Kathy Worrell. Councilman Vineyard was absent.

Visitors present: Butch Roberts, Chris Stewart, Ricky Worrell and Donnie Glessner were also present. Butch was present to represent the Dwight Community Development Corporation. He asked Council who was in charge of Summerfest 2017. He said the DCDC would be willing to be in charge. Council agreed to allow the DCDC to be responsible for Summerfest 2017. Jan Oleen currently has the finances for Summerfest.

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the January 19th, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Everything is going good at the sewer ponds. He is noticing problems with the generator. He thinks there may be fuel in the oil, or problems with the injector pump. He had Brown's Farm Service look at it. Donnie drained the oil and put new oil in it. Jeff Brown said that one of the sleeves is broken on the grader. He gave Council an estimate of \$3000 to repair the sleeve but concerned the rest of the sleeves may go bad in the near future. Council may need to consider doing a major overhaul on the grader. Estimates start at \$9000 to do the overhaul. Heather will start looking around for prices on used road graders. Council will revisit the discussion once prices have been researched.

Water Manager Report: Brad Reynoso was not in attendance but provided a written report. Brad would like to attend the KRWA Conference on March 24-26. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to pay for the hotel, food and convention costs for Brad Reynoso to attend the KRWA Conference on March 24-26, 2015. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made a friendly amendment to allow Donnie Glessner to attend the KRWA Conference as well. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The city truck may be used for travel to the conference.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported one dog out. Ricky returned the dog to his owner. No one was home so he left the dog in the back yard.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She informed Council that she had recently spoken to Jeff Matter with Union Pacific Railroad about concerns of the underpass. He will be speaking with his supervisors regarding the underpass. He said that they should be making repairs to it soon since it is a safety concern. Heather provided Council with his direct phone number and email so they can contact him as well. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to allow Heather to attend the City Clerk's Conference on March 11-13, 2015 to include fees, food and hotel. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Janet Goss's 15 hours and reimbursement to Heather Brown in amount of \$49.00 for purchase of a microwave for the City Office. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather provided Council with a letter she mailed to a resident regarding a complaint about dogs barking constantly at a resident's neighbor's house. She included a copy of Ordinance 200D with the letter.

Old Business: Councilwoman Ellis is working on obtaining a grant through Home Depot for fencing at the City Park. The question was raised about asking USD 417 about deeding over the tennis court land to the City of Dwight. The Library has not taken any action towards the purchase of a drop box for the Library yet. Mayor Johnson asked Council if they would be willing to donate \$1000 towards the purchase of the Library drop box. Council decided not to donate the money to the Library.

New Business: Council discussed problems with drainage and landscaping around the new City Office. Heather shared the contract the City had with Riley Construction, which states that the City is responsible for landscaping. Donnie will bring some dirt in and correct the issue in the Spring. Chris Stewart represented the DCDC by asking Council if the City would consider letting them use the power outlet in the back of the City Office to power their generator to pump out the basement of the DCDC's property located at 614-618 Main. Chris provided Council with documentation that the cost would be around 7 cents a month. Council asked Heather to draft an agreement between the City and DCDC that the City will not be held accountable if anything were to happen while the outlet was being used by the DCDC. The DCDC is a non-profit organization.

The Dog Clinic will be held on a Saturday in April. Heather will call Jernigan and set up the date. May 9th was set as the pending garage sale day depending on when Fort Riley's garage sale day is. Councilwoman Ellis will find out the date of Fort Riley's. Council decided that there will be no City-wide clean-up held this year. Butch and Chris asked if we could find out if the County could possibly waive our fees in the future when a City-wide clean-up is held. Mayor Johnson is forming a committee to preserve the

banners, trophies and composites in the Prairie Heights Elementary School once the school closes. Mayor Johnson asked if the City could rejoin Flint Hills Regional Council. Council agreed not to rejoin at this time. Councilwoman Ellis moved to pass Ordinance No. 2015-2-16 which waived the statutory requirement to use GAAP accounting for the City of Dwight. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss drafted a letter/form regarding water improvement fees. She gave Heather the form to email to Attorney Ben Oleen. Ben will be working on drafting an Ordinance regarding water improvement fees. Heather will invite Ben to the next Council meeting which will be held on March 16th at 7PM in the City Office. Councilwoman Worrell asked who removed the snowflakes downtown. Councilwoman Goss stated that Terry Slawson had put them up and removed them.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Worrell made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.