

Dwight City Council Minutes

July 21st, 2014

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on July 21st, 2014. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis, John Traynor and Kathy Worrell.

Visitors present: Chris Stewart, Cindy Jensen, Michelle Garrett, Mina Miller, Donnie Glessner and City Clerk Heather Brown. Cindy Jensen reviewed the 2013 audit. She provided each Council member, the City Treasurer and the City Clerk with a copy of the report. There were no problems with the audit. Heather will file it with the Office of Research and Development. Michelle Garrett provided Council with the first copy of the budget draft for 2015. Council needs to consider raising the mil levy. Michelle let Council know that they can always lower the mil levy without publishing it, but for it to be raised it needs to be published. The mil levy hasn't been raised since 2006. The budget hearing will be on August 18th at 6:30PM.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the June 16th regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Donnie stated that mowing has slowed down. He still has some trimming to do around town. The mower has had some issues and needed some repairs. He has hauled some dirt and gravel to a few residents. Donnie thinks he has the weed issue at the pond fixed. Mayor Johnson would like the trees trimmed at the residence at 105 6th Street. Donnie asked what he should charge to mow a property that needs mowed in town. Council agreed to charge the resident \$40 this one time, but it is not the city's responsibility to mow.

Water Manager Report: Troy Pearson was not in attendance but provided a written report. The UPS samples did not make it to Topeka on time and will need to be redone. Mayor Johnson stated the Troy needs a key to the park restroom in case it needs to be locked or unlocked.

Dog Catcher Report: Deverie Ward Hale has agreed to be dog catcher. She will need to attend August's Council meeting to be officially offered the job.

City Treasurer Report: Mina Miller was in attendance, however there was some confusion on the Treasurer report due to changes made by Aldrich CPA. She will have the quarterly report at the August Council meeting.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She told Council of the changes of financial spreadsheets and month end close, made by Aldrich CPA.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Worrell moved to approve the bills as presented with the additions of Waterwise Enterprises for \$700.00, Aldrich & Company for \$3550.00 and Office of Research and Development for \$150.00. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: The Riley Construction bill of \$19,185.00 was paid to Riley Construction on July 2nd. Mayor Johnson stated that \$10,000 was taken out of the Water Fund that was leftover from the water project funds. The remaining \$9185.00 was taken out of the old water deposit account. The next bill will deplete the old water deposit account. Capital Improvement will be used for the remaining balance. Heather provided a copy of the Riley Construction bill to Council. Councilwoman Ellis has been looking for metal chains for the basketball goals. She needs to find out the dimensions. Councilman Traynor reported that the DCDC will be working on the tennis courts. All of the materials are available except the caps on top of the poles. They will put a work day together. There will be a bill for labor and the caps. Heather found out that Union Pacific is responsible for the maintenance of the underpass. She has called them numerous times and still has not heard back.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go into executive session for the City Treasurer's employee evaluation at 8:54PM, not to last longer than 10 minutes. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go back into regular session at 9:04PM. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss reported that the sign that was donated to the City can be placed on Jan Oleen's property on the corner of 7th street and Highway 4. Mayor Johnson read a couple of inspirational quotes. He would like to have a porta-potty placed in town somewhere for bikers and people traveling through town. Heather will find out prices.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Ellis moved to adjourn with Councilman Traynor seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.