

Dwight City Council Minutes

June 16th, 2014

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on June 16th, 2014. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis, John Traynor, Eddie Vineyard and Kathy Worrell.

Visitors present: Chris Stewart, Deb Brown, Troy Pearson, Donald Glessner, and City Clerk Heather Brown. Deb Brown requested some dirt to fill in a hole left by a water line repair at her property. Council approved for Donnie to take her a load of dirt. Troy Pearson appeared to announce his interest in the City Water Manager position. Councilwoman Ellis let him know that he would have to become certified. Ronnie Gallaway is willing to train Troy for a while. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to hire Troy Pearson for the Water Manager position effective immediately at the starting wage of \$10.50 an hour. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: Councilwoman Ellis moved to accept the minutes of the May 19th regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Donnie stated that Kansas Gas Service has been around town repairing holes that they caused when doing gas line work. There is some extra gravel at the gravel pile that was left by them. He will use the remaining gravel to repair any holes left. Donnie also stated that there is a lot of dirt at the gravel pile now due to new City Office construction. Councilwoman Worrell asked what happened to the John Carter Swartz sign. Donnie informed her that wind took it down and it is temporarily at the shop. He also took the goal posts at the ball field down. The Superintendent plans to pick them up.

Water Manager Report: Ronnie Gallaway was not in attendance but provided a written report. His last day of employment was June 15th, 2014.

Dog Catcher Report: None. The City is still looking for a dog catcher.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She will begin working on reports for the annual audit. Union Pacific needs to be contacted regarding the underpass. Mayor Johnson signed the Maintenance Inspection agreement between Mayer Specialty Services and the City of Dwight. Councilwoman Worrell asked who needs to mow the property at the Dwight Auto Service.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Worrell moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared a KWRA letter regarding water rights. She also gave Council an updated copy of the current dog registrations.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson shared that Jeff Adams, from Flint hills Regional Council, may be attending a future meeting to talk Council into rejoining. The old City Office building has been demolished. Mayor Johnson discussed putting a wall up to enclose the mechanical room. Council agreed to not put up the wall. Councilwoman Ellis is going to begin measuring the fence at the park. She is hoping to put fence up this summer. She has not been able to find any information on the tennis court. Councilman Traynor stated that the fence at the tennis court may be able to be stretched. Heather has been talking to Union Pacific about the underpass repairs needed and the fence at the park. She sent pictures of both to them via email.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss made the motion at 7:48pm to go into executive session for Heather Brown's employee evaluation not to last more than 15 minutes. Councilman Vineyard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion at 7:56pm, to go back into regular session. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Ellis made the motion at 7:57pm to go into executive session for Donnie Glessner's employee evaluation not to last more than 15 minutes. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:08pm. Councilman Vineyard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Worrell is concerned about all of the standing water around town and mosquitos. Councilwoman Goss asked Heather if she has heard why her house has been flagged again. Mayor Johnson stated that he has been getting complaints about pit fees and the new City Office.

Adjournment: Councilman Vineyard moved to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.