

Dwight City Council Minutes

March 17, 2014

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on March 20th, 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, Ronnie Gallaway, Donald Glessner, Tim Tyner, Ben Moore, Richard Lindgren and City Clerk Heather Brown. Richard Lindgren spoke about some trees and bushes that need to be trimmed or removed in the City. Donnie will remove the bush on 6th street that is a hindrance to traffic. Heather will prepare a letter to residents notifying them that there is a tree/bush on their property that needs trimmed/removed. Tim Tyner reviewed the insurance package summary for the City of Dwight. There is a 5% increase in rate this year due to inflation. The City needs to notify Tim if we hold any special events such as parades. Ben Moore gave Council an update on the new City Office. He reviewed the deductions made by Riley Construction if we were to go ahead with the new building. These deductions would save the City a lot of money.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He stated that he is having a difficult time with the tractor running properly. He would like to attend the KWRA Conference in Wichita on March 25-27, 2014. Council approved his attendance to the Conference. He will prepare a list of residents who have trees/bushes that need to be trimmed. Heather will include in her letter that if residents have an issue with their trees/bushes being trimmed or removed they can address Council.

Water Manager Report: Ronnie Gallaway provided a written report. He reported that UPS is working well with sending the water samples.

Dog Catcher Report: None.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She asked about late pit fees and what needs to be done about residents not paying their fees. Council would like Ronnie to check each pit and see if there is currently a meter in the pit. Councilwoman Ellis moved to amend resolution 2012-10-15 for the cost of trash services to be raised from \$13.38 to \$13.56 per month due to cost of living. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the February 17th regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the additions of reimbursing Heather Brown for Clerk Conference, Pit Stop, Services Unlimited, and Adams Lumber. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared with Council a letter from Kansas Gas Service notifying the City that they received our letter of complaint about gravel issues. Councilman Traynor would like Council to consider purchasing a Law Book from the League of Kansas Municipalities for \$200.00 Council will consider it and discuss at next month's meeting. Heather received a letter from the USDA regarding a Community Building loan application. The letter will be disregarded since we do not want the loan.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson spoke to Council about the available funds that could be used for the new City Office. Council reviewed these funds. There is \$42,000 available in these funds, not including the \$50,000 that is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. Council debated what the best option for a new City Office would be. Councilman Traynor made the motion to accept the bid from Riley Construction, based on the deductions they listed, except for the demolition and ceiling fans. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 3-2. (Goss and Ellis) Mayor Johnson was allowed to vote due to a tie. The new City building will be built for approximately \$78,000. Mayor Johnson would like Councilwoman Ellis to have a plan on what her plans are for the City Park at the next Council meeting. Heather will have the plans included in the Council packet. Councilman Traynor mentioned holding a public forum to see what people in the City of Dwight would like in the City Park. Mayor Johnson stated that a wooden bench in memory of Joyce Gallaway that was going to be placed in the cemetery may be better placed in the City Park.

New Business: A question about outside the City limits water rate fees was asked by a resident. Heather provided Council with resolution 2012-10-15 which states all consumers within the City limits shall pay a minimum charge of \$22.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water, \$3.00 per thousand for the next 4,000 gallons, and \$4.00 per thousand thereafter. All consumers outside the City limits shall pay a minimum charge of \$32.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water, \$3.00 per thousand for the next 4,000 gallons, and \$4.00 per thousand thereafter. A resident spoke to a Councilwoman about wanting her water meter closer to her house. The Councilwoman informed the resident that if she wants City water, her meter needs to remain in the City limits. A question about when pit fee only accounts were billed late fees came up at the February Council meeting. Heather provided Council with Resolution 2012-10-15 which states that properties that are billed for WIP only will be assessed the late fee on a quarterly basis on unpaid balances by the 15th of the month following the end of the quarter based on four quarters a year. Councilwoman Ellis moved to donate \$50.00 to Christy Claypool to go towards the Annual Easter egg hunt in Dwight. Councilwoman Worrell seconded.

Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Ellis was put in charge of the City-Wide Clean up to be held on May 10th from 8-11:30am. The City-Wide garage sales will be held on May 3rd. Heather will schedule the dog clinic with Jernigan\$. It will be scheduled for a Saturday in April.

Open Forum: Councilman Traynor would like to attend the Emergency Planning meeting in Council Grove through the League on April 26th. Heather will include the FEMA emergency supply list in the newsletter to be sent out the first of April. She will also include that when residents hear a siren they should always take shelter. There is NOT an all clear siren. Heather will call and invite Chris Blackledge to attend our April Council meeting. Heather will also set up a date with Eric Smith to have a special meeting to review the Code book. Councilwoman Goss presented a check for \$50 to the City of Dwight Community Building from a donation in memory of Donna Lee Olson. Councilwoman Goss will be working on the flower planters around town. She is going to get two bushes to put up by the stone sign at the City Park.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Worrell moved to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.