

## Dwight City Council Minutes

May 19th, 2014

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on May 19th, 2014. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis, Eddie Vineyard, and Kathy Worrell.

Visitors present: Butch Roberts, Chris Stewart, Karen Smith, Donnie Glessner, Ronnie Gallaway and City Clerk Heather Brown were also in attendance. Karen Smith, from the American Legion Auxiliary, asked Mayor Johnson and Heather to sign a Proclamation requesting everyone to wear poppy on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in honor of all who have sacrificed. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be known as Poppy Day. Heather will place the City Seal on the Proclamation.

Minutes: A correction to the minutes was made in the Council Grove Republican and Prairie Post. Incorrect wording %water deposits are deposited into the general account+ should have read %water deposits are deposited into the water fund account.+ Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the April 21st regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. Donald stated that the ponds and ball field have been mowed recently. He will be trimming trees around town soon. Heather has sent letters to residents regarding tree trimming. Donnie stated that it doesn't look like Kansas Gas has done any repairs to holes around town. Heather will follow-up with them. Councilwoman Ellis asked Donnie to pick up items outside a resident's house that was not picked up during City-wide clean-up. She also asked him to clean up trees on Tenth Street, not including locusts.

Water Manager Report: Ronnie Gallaway provided a written report. Ronnie turned in his resignation as Water Manager. He is willing to help train the new hire. Heather will place an ad in the Republican and Prairie Post for the position. Mayor Johnson requested that the water be turned on at the City Park. There was a report of bees in the City Park.

Dog Catcher Report: None. The dog catcher position still needs to be filled. Heather will place ad for the Water Manager/Dog Catcher to be filled as one position.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. Councilwoman Goss made a motion to accept Kelly McKenzie's bid for scrap cast for \$110. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Kelly has agreed to also pick up Newey's and refrigerators not picked up during Clean-up, due to not being tagged. Heather will contact Kelly and let him know where the refrigerators are located. She also shared a

letter from Kansas Department of Agriculture about flushing wells. Heather will meet with Doug Helmke on May 28<sup>th</sup> regarding this.

Councilman John Traynor arrived at 7:28pm.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of flower and potting soil reimbursement to Pam Goss for \$109.38. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared a letter from a resident regarding pit fees. Council needs the current owner's address. They need to fill out a water deposit application and pay the \$100 refundable deposit to get the water switched over to the new owner's name. Heather also shared another letter with a resident upset about dog license and tag fees. The resident would like to know where the money goes that the City receives from the tags and licenses. She will send a letter to the resident explaining that this income goes towards liability insurance, Dog Catcher wages, and the purchase of dog tags and licenses. KDHE sent a letter letting the City know that we passed the tri-annual water inspection. Heather also shared Morris County Treasurer Budget information with the Council. She provided Council with an updated list of dog registrations received. She will send letters to those who have not registered yet.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson called the mortgage company of a property that needed cleaned up and mowed. The mortgage company has hired a contractor to do the work. The City Office demolishing will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ronnie will move the payment drop box to the Community Building until the office is completed. Councilwoman Ellis is still waiting to hear from Union Pacific regarding fence issues before making park renovations.

New Business: There was no new business.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Ellis would like Heather to place a sign at the bank and post office thanking volunteers for helping with the City-wide clean-up. Heather asked if the DCDC needs to pay rent/deposit for the Memorial Day dinner. Council requires them to pay for renting the building that day. The Water Manager position will start out at \$10.50/hour, up to 25 hours a month. The person taking the position will be allowed to work evenings, however a water sample has to be in Council Grove by 3pm a couple times a month. Evaluations were scheduled for June, except for Mina Miller whom will be evaluated in July.

Adjournment: Councilman Vineyard moved to adjourn with Councilman Traynor seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.