

## Dwight City Council Minutes

May 18th, 2015

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on May 18th, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Kathy Worrell, Pam Goss, Richard Lindgren and Melissa Ellis.

Visitors present: Mary Kratzer, Karen Smith, George Stewart, Norman Thompson, Ricky Worrell, and City Clerk Heather Brown were also present.

Karen Smith, from the American Legion Auxiliary, asked Mayor Johnson and Heather to sign a Proclamation requesting everyone to wear poppy on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in honor of all who have sacrificed. May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be known as Poppy Day. Heather will place the City Seal on the Proclamation. George Stewart and Norman Thompson were in attendance to represent the Dwight Masonic Lodge. Council agreed to waive the fees for the Community Building due to it being unavailable to use during the November and April Elections. They requested their meeting dates be moved to the first Thursday of every month. Mary Kratzer was in attendance to discuss their Water Improvement Fees. Mary wrote a letter to Council explaining her situation. Council will discuss further in Old Business.

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was not in attendance but provided a written report. He reported that he will fix the roof at the City Park as soon as possible. He also stated that the barbeque grill is broken at the Park. He has been busy mowing, spraying and trimming around town.

Water Manager Report: Brad Reynoso was not in attendance but provided a written report. Brad reported that the biological tests have all come back normal. He asked Council if they would like him to flush hydrants.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. Ricky had nothing to report.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She provided Council with a current Dog Registration list. Heather reported that she has mailed out letters to all residents in Dwight letting them know of the water rate changes. She also let Council know that Aldrich & Company has let her know that the audit may take place later in the year this year.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of ITRON for \$944.89 and Hamm for \$307.62. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather Brown provided Council with copies of the letter she mailed to all residents. She also gave them copies of a letter regarding Water Improvement Past Due notice and the updated Resolution #2015-4-20.

Old Business: Mayer Specialty Services will be doing Sewer Maintenance on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Larsen Construction will be making necessary repairs to sewer lines between manholes 26 and 27. Councilwoman Ellis reported that ZWS has put the City of Dwight on a waiting list to put up a new fence at the City Park. Mayor Johnson stated that he would like the current fence to remain in place even after a new fence is put up. Councilman Lindgren gave an update on the Road Grader repair status at Brown's Farm Service. He stated that the head is cracked and 12 valves need to be replaced. Jeff Brown will need to pull the engine to check exactly what repairs are needed. Mayor Johnson and Councilwoman Goss reported that they have been making collection calls to those residents with past due water improvement fees. Once these payments are made, the late fees will be waived. Councilman Lindgren also reported that he checked out the drain issues on Cypress Street. He noted that the drainage needs some work and a car needs moved at a residence to be able to do the needed work.

New Business: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the Poppy Proclamation. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Appointments of the following were made: City Attorney-Ben Oleen. City Treasurer-Mina Miller. Council President-Pam Goss. Auditor-Aldrich & Company. Official Newspapers- Council Grove Republican and Prairie Post. Bank-Farmer's State Bank, Dwight. Mayor Johnson stated that the Summer Reading Program and the Dwight Library will be held every Wednesday in July from 9-10 AM. Grades Kindergarten and up are welcome. Preschoolers are welcome when accompanied by a parent. There is a Dropbox at the Library now.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Ellis reported kids playing in the street in front of her house. A letter will be sent to the resident involved. Councilwoman Goss stated that she will be planting flowers around town soon. She bought azeala bushes for both sides of the sign at the City Park. Heather stated that she will take a Council group photo for the website and newspapers at the June Council meeting. She also reported that she has been cleaning out City storage.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 PM.