

## Dwight City Council Minutes

November 21, 2011

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM on November 21, 2011. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Eugene Anders, Kenny Kaluhiokalani, Eddie Vineyard and Melissa Ellis.

Visitors present: Wesley Bowman presented the updated website. Ben Moore presented information about ADA requirements as well as an option of an addition to the library for the City Office. Bobby Alexander presented an update quote for the library sign. Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the bid with an additional cost of \$150. Councilman Vineyard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Angela Moore reported that she would be working with the Prairie Heights Elementary School students to paint wooded yellow stars. Council granted permission to hang the stars above the street. Connie Burton with the American Legion Auxiliary inquired about the City having a welcoming committee. The Auxiliary would like to take on the project and will work with the City Office. Bob Goss inquired if Councilmembers each had a copy of "The Governing Body Handbook" and requested that they review it. Members of the Library Board voiced opposition to the City Office being located permanently in the Library. Marilyn Kaluhiokalani stated that the library had accommodated the City Office on a temporary basis before but did not want to see it as a permanent solution. Jane Kirkemunde commented on the issue of phone privacy of the City Office while being located in the Library. Richard Stahl, Karen Byrd, Jean Johnson, Patsy Roberts, Butch Roberts, Christy Alexander, Angela Moore, John Traynor, Ronnie Gallaway, and Donald Glessner were also guests.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He is very happy with the new roof on the maintenance shop and reported that the roof no longer leaks. He checked into getting a comfort cab for the tractor.

Water Manager Report: Ronnie Gallaway reported that everything is going fine with the water system. He had flushed some hydrants. There is a damaged meter pit behind the grocery store.

Dog Catcher Report: None.

City Clerk Report: Lisa Lee reviewed financial reports. She had sent out the newsletter using a new less expensive method from the USPS. She had been working on the website and had placed some water accounts for collection. She reported that the City's appeal to the IRS for nonfiling of 2007 W-2's was rejected and that the penalty had been paid. Councilman Kaluhiokalani moved to purchase a new phone for the City

Office for less than \$100. Councilman Anders seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Goss – no, Ellis – abstaining).

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as presented. Councilman Kaluhiokalani seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Anders moved to pay bills as presented with addition of Janet Goss's payroll. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Kim Bomberger reported that the housing blight working group had developed five categories of blight for Dwight properties. Much discussion followed. Detail of the community work day volunteer hours was reported. Issues with the new garage doors for the maintenance shop were discussed. Lisa was directed to contact the City Attorney over the matter. Options for the City Office location were discussed. A bid was received from Restore of the Heartland to reconstruct the City Office after mold abatement was completed. Councilwoman Ellis moved to pay \$10,414 out of the water project fund and \$8,368 out of the capital improvement fund to Restore of the Heartland for mold abatement and reconstruction of the City Office. Councilman Vineyard seconded. During discussion, Councilwoman Goss requested more detail on the quote. ADA updates would need to be completed to the existing building. Councilwoman Ellis withdrew her motion. Councilwoman Goss will request more information from Restore of the Heartland.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss reported that Santa will be coming to the Community Building on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Issues with water accounts were discussed. Councilman Anders moved to order a comfort cab from Tractor Supply to be paid out of equipment reserve. Councilman Kaluhiokalani seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Council reviewed the bid for guttering for the community building. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Ellis moved to pay \$25 for Joni York to take the water certification test. Councilman Vineyard seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The community building will be decorated before December 1<sup>st</sup>. A memorial donation was received from the Sisson family to be used for a new cabinet in the community building. Councilman Kaluhiokalani thanked the people that helped with the community building and maintenance shop repairs on the Community Work Day. Galen reported on the recent Flint Hills Regional Council meeting in Manhattan. The Discovery Center will open on April 14, 2012. FHRC meetings have been changed to the fourth Friday. The January meeting will be held in Morris County. With Council's approval, he will offer to host it in Dwight. The Christmas Cantata will be held December 4<sup>th</sup>. Governmental Handbooks were requested to be ordered for council members.

Adjournment: Councilman Vineyard moved to adjourn, Councilman Ellis seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.