

Dwight City Council Minutes

November 16th, 2015

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on November 16th, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Kathy Worrell, John Traynor, Melissa Ellis, and Richard Lindgren.

Visitors present: Dog Catcher Ricky Worrell and City Clerk Heather Brown were also present.

Additions to Agenda: New Business b. Terry Slawson's bid for tree removal. Old business g. Jan Davis's trailer house.

Minutes: Councilman Lindgren moved to accept the minutes of the October 19th, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was not in attendance but provided a written report. Donald thanked Council for the Memorial donation made in his Mother's name Celia Glessner to the American Heart Association. He stated that he has been doing daily sewer service and monthly valve rotation. He has been burning at the brush pile and fixed the water pit at the school for the ballfield by putting an extender on the pit.

Water Manager Report: Brad Reynoso was not in attendance. Heather stated that she has been doing daily chlorine samples and the monthly biological samples came back normal.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. A resident had called him on October 25th to report that a dog was running loose. Ricky found the dog and returned it to its owner. The owner was aware the dog was running loose and was in the process of looking for it. The dog had broken its leash while it was tied outside.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She also provided a written Clerk Report. She stated that she has sent out an invoice for a property for mowing that is several months past due. Larsen Construction came on November 4th and repaired a water leak on Osage Street. Heather called and got information from the Morris County Health Department regarding condemning a property. The Health Department will get back with Heather when they gather all the proper information needed. Heather stated that she attended a Kansas Set-Off Training program. She has placed several more accounts with the Set-Off Program since the training. The program will take funds from Income Tax returns to use to pay delinquent accounts.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a bill for \$32.40 to Councilwoman Pam Goss for replacement bulbs from Home Depot for the snowflakes on Main Street Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Council reviewed a letter sent to them by Heather regarding the Dwight School land to the East. USD 417 and the City of Dwight are in talks of exchanging small lots of land. This will be discussed further in New Business.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson stated that he would like the City to re-join the Flint Hills Regional Council. It would cost the city \$130 per year. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to re-join Flint Hills Regional Council with Mayor Johnson as Representative and Council President Pam Goss as substitute. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Park renovations were tabled until spring. The swing at the school is in the process of being moved to the City Park. It will be placed where the maypole was. Councilman Lindgren gave a road grader update. He stated that progress has been made on putting the road grader back together. It was decided that a bathroom/storm shelter will be put on a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Heather will prepare the plan and have it for the December meeting. Councilwoman Worrell inspected signs around Dwight and made a list of Street signs needing updating. 45 signs and 125 brackets will need to be ordered. Funds to pay for the signs will come from the Special Highway fund. Heather will make the order with Evangeline Specialties. Councilwoman Ellis moved to order new street signs and brackets for no more than \$1500.00. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Heather will write a grant through TCT for ~~W~~Welcome to Dwight+banners. Banners are \$38.81 each for 18x36in.banners. There is a \$55.00 set up charge for the first banner. Stainless steel brackets will also be needed. Council set a budget of no more than \$1000.00. Jan Davis had asked Council to consider letting her place a 2001 trailer house on her property. The City has a ten years or newer Ordinance for Mobile Homes. Councilwoman Goss made the motion for approval on Jan Davis's mobile home request. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: Mayor Johnson let USD 417 Superintendent Doug Conwell know that the City would like to have the swing at the school. Conwell stated the City can have the swing but would like to have the goal posts back. USD 417 would like to exchange land with the City. The City would acquire small lots under the tennis court while USD 417 would acquire small lots in the Northwest Corner of that same block. Council will not make a decision on this matter until a special meeting can be held with the Board of Education to learn exactly what their intentions are. Heather will send a letter to USD 417 Board of Education inviting them to Dwight for a Special Meeting.

Mayor Johnson reviewed a bid from Terry Slawson for tree removal at the City Park. Seven trees would be removed, two trimmed and stumps grind down. The whole site would be raked and left clean. Terry's bid is \$2200.00. Due to hazardous conditions and safety concerns, the trees must be removed. Councilwoman Goss made the motion that the City contract Terry Slawson to remove and trim trees and grind down stumps due to the hazardous nature of those trees and the time frame they need to get done so the swing can be removed from the School to the Park. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Heather told Council she used a \$48 rebate card from Staples to purchase a new adding machine for the City Office. Heather also asked each member of Council bring a treat for the December meeting.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Ellis seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on December 21st, 2015 at 7 PM.