

## Dwight City Council Minutes

October 19th, 2015

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on October 19th, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Kathy Worrell, Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis, and Richard Lindgren. Councilman John Traynor was absent.

Visitors present: David Lighthall, Angie Schwerdtfeger(TCT), Connie Burton, City Treasurer Mina Miller, Dog Catcher Ricky Worrell, Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner and City Clerk Heather Brown were also in attendance.

Angie Schwerdtfeger, PR Director from TCT, asked permission to post Smart Rural Community signage at the entrances of the City, under the Supervision of the City's Maintenance Manager. Dwight has been recognized as a Smart Rural Community because of the access to broadband the community has through the service of TCT's fiber optic communications network. Council granted permission for TCT to post the signs, which will be placed early next year. TCT will provide signs and poles.

David Lighthall thanked Council and Heather for getting a street light fixed outside of the gas station. David agreed to pay the outstanding balance in Dwight Auto Services name. Council agreed to waive the late fees in the amount of \$70.00. This leaves a balance of \$180.00.

Connie Burton asked if the City would like the chair rack and twenty chairs from the Dwight Presbyterian Church to be used at the Community Building. Council gladly accepted the offer.

Additions to Agenda: Mayor Johnson's letter under new business for discussion.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Donald reported that the sewer has been running good. He has rotated valves. He has been treating the sewer once or twice each month. The sewer ponds have been mowed for the last time this season. A water leak was brought to his attention in the alley between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets. Heather will call Larsen Construction to have them come check the leak. Donald also reported that the bushes behind the Community Building are dying. He will trim them low and see if they come back. If not, he will take them out. Mayor Johnson told Council that Josh Newey has a half ton of sand he is willing to spread at the City Park.

Water Manager Report: Brad Reynoso was not in attendance but provided a written report. Brad reported that the water tower repairs are still pending while parts are being ordered. Brad will be on vacation until December. The City of Alta Vista has agreed to read water meters in November. Brad provided a spreadsheet of meter readings at Karl Kempher's property at 405 Main Street. Brad read the meter manually ten different times over a four month time frame to compare readings. Council discussed his bill and decided payment in full is due. Heather will send a letter and include the meter reading spreadsheet.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported that a pit bull has been reported out and running around town. However he has not been able to find the dog.

City Treasurer Report: Mina Miller was in attendance and provided the Quarterly Treasurer report. She stated that everything balances.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. Heather reported to Council that a resident cut the lock off of his water meter after the water had been shut off. Councilwoman Goss stated that she has contacted the League of Kansas Municipalities and they told her the City can call the Sheriff next time this happens.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Ellis moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a bill for \$10.90 to Brad Reynoso for UPS reimbursement. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather provided Council with a copy of a letter written by Dr. Cecil & Mary Ingmire regarding several items and pictures of Elmer Chinn and Cecil's D.H.S. keepsakes. They asked Council if the City would like to have them for historical purposes. Councilwoman Goss stated that the letter should be given to the Swartz Schoolhouse Museum Committee.

Mayor Johnson stated that he attended the USDA Rural Development meeting. To re-finance the water project loan, half of the current loan would have to be paid. We are on year 5 of a 40 year project repayment. The interest rate on the current loan is 3.75%. The interest rate on a new loan would be 3.25%. Mayor Johnson also shared a letter he received from Topeka Mayor Larry Wolgast thanking Mayor Johnson for his letter stating that he could not make the Mayor's Conference and events held in Topeka.

Old Business: Councilwoman Goss has been doing research on Park purchases. Councilman Lindgren gave an update on the City Road Grader. Jeff Brown is currently installing the engine. Repairs are in progress for re-building of engine and Jeff plans on the grader being operational soon. The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan was tabled until next meeting. Councilwoman Worrell took the street signs catalog to begin

researching parts needed to repair and replace signs in town. She will have a report at the next meeting. Terry Slawson will hang snowflakes the Saturday after Thanksgiving and charge \$200 in total to put them up and take them down after the Holidays.

New Business: Mayor Johnson provided a letter regarding Citizens' concerns about the City not purchasing the Dwight School building. Members discussed why it is not financially feasible for the City to purchase and maintain the School building. Usage fees would have to be very high to be able to afford to maintain the building. A Council Member stated that this does not seem logical or reasonable. No action was taken regarding the letter. Superintendent Doug Conwell will meet with Mayor Johnson and Heather Brown on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9AM to discuss the land under the tennis court.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss made a request that the City put gravel at the firehouse in front of the new door. The Fire Department will eventually cement the area, but would like to put gravel down for now.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Ellis seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on November 16th, 2015 at 7 PM.