

Dwight City Council Minutes

February 17th, 2014

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 6:30 PM on February 17th, 2014. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis, Kathy Worrell and John Traynor.

Visitors present: Ben Moore was present for the City Office bid opening. There are five bids total. Riley Construction entered a base bid of \$119,370. Chaney Construction entered a base bid of \$136,499. Trinium Construction entered a base bid of \$145,000. K-Construction entered a base bid of \$134,447, and an alternate bid of \$121,898. These bids are good for 60 days. All of the Construction companies would take approximately 120 days to complete the project, with the exception of K-Construction, which would take approximately 195 days. Ben Moore will find out from Riley Construction what the price of the demolition of the old building is. Council agreed that it may be more beneficial to contract the demolition out to someone else.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. He stayed very busy clearing off the snow from the streets. He has had some trouble with the grader starting, so he had to purchase a new battery.

Water Manager Report: Ronnie Gallaway was in attendance. He did not provide a written report. Ronnie stated that everything is going good. He has started using UPS to ship water samples to Topeka. The samples made it in time and the results are good. He had a customer call stating that they had dirty water. He installed a different meter for a couple days and had the customer run water. He changed the meter back and the water is clear.

Dog Catcher Report: No Report. There have been no applicants for the Dog Catcher position. Ronnie Gallaway is filling in as Dog Catcher until the City hires someone.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. There was a question about outside the city limits water rates. A resident wants her meter moved closer to her house. Council is looking into both of these. Heather asked when she needs to charge late fees on pit fees. Councilwoman Goss is looking over Ordinances to make sure pit fees are to be charged on the quarterly month. Heather will be attending the City Clerks Conference on March 12-14 in Wichita.

City Attorney Report: No Report.

Minutes: Councilwoman Ellis moved to accept the minutes of the January 20th regular meeting as presented. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with no additions. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared that the Council Grove Chamber sent our \$50.00 check back to us. They are giving us our 2014 membership at no cost.

Old Business: Mayor Johnson reviewed the balance sheet funds. Council will be looking over funds to make sure building a new City Office is a viable option. Councilwoman Ellis has a call into Union Pacific Railroad about the fence at the park. The sales for park purchases will begin this month. Councilman Traynor stated that outside entities may be willing to help out with funds for park renovations. Councilwoman Goss would like Councilwoman Ellis to find out if we can apply for grants for this. The old City Office is all cleaned out in preparation for demolition. Council will be coming to a decision on where to place the payment drop box.

New Business: Peggy with Superior Trash called asking if she would be getting their annual cost of living increase this year. Heather looked on the Bureau of Labor Statistics website and found that Superior is due a 1.5% increase this year. Councilwoman Goss moved to give Superior Trash a cost of living increase of 1.5% for 2014. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Trash charges will be raised from \$13.38 per month/per resident, to \$13.56 per month/per resident starting with February billing.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss will be checking the City Ordinances to see what they say regarding outside City limit water rates and pit fee late charges. Council plans on getting together this Thursday night for a work session to discuss Codification.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Worrell moved to adjourn with Councilwoman Ellis seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.