

Dwight City Council Minutes

September 21st, 2015

The Budget Hearing began at 6:30PM. Michelle Garrett was in attendance to discuss the 2016 City of Dwight budget. The new mill levy will be 31.12 mills. The levy for the 2016 City of Dwight budget will increase approximately two-tenths over the levy for the 2015 budget because of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of 1.6%. Entities are allowed to increase taxes by the CPI which sets the maximum levy for the budget year. Michelle provided a copy of the budget to Council. Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the budget as published for 2016. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Councilman Traynor arrived after the vote.)

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM on September 21st, 2015. Mayor Galen Johnson presided and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Kathy Worrell, Pam Goss, John Traynor, and Richard Lindgren. Councilwoman Melissa Ellis was absent.

Visitors present: County Clerk Michelle Garrett, Jan Davis, Betty Morgan, Tina Rae Scott, Terry Powell (USD 417 Board of Education), Butch Roberts, David Lighthall, Karl Kempfer, Deb Brown, Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Dog Catcher Ricky Worrell, and City Clerk Heather Brown were also in attendance.

Terry Powell and Tina Rae Scott were in attendance to discuss the school in Dwight. There is still a lot in storage and there will be an auction held in the near future. A Memorabilia Committee will decide where the Memorabilia will be located. Terry stated that there are three options for the building. 1. The City of Dwight could purchase it. 2. Private Purchasers could obtain it. 3. The building could be demolished. He stated that it is USD 417's intent to maintain the building for the short term, with an 18-month calendar to get something done with the building. Mayor Johnson stated that it is not financially feasible for the City to purchase and maintain the building. However the City is interested in the land under the tennis court. Terry will have Mr. Conwell get in touch with the City regarding the land under the tennis court.

Jan Davis asked Council if it would be possible to purchase a mobile home older than ten years to put on her lots in town. Council stated that it would be at their discretion, as stated in the Code Book, once they see pictures of the mobile home. The City Code Book states mobile homes must be ten years old or newer. She also asked if it would be allowed for her to put in a small pond on her lots. Council will research if a pond is ok to be put in.

Karl Kempfer was in attendance to discuss problems with his water meter and bill. It read 54,000 gallons in August. Brad Reynoso will manually read Karl's meter once or twice a week between now and the next Council meeting to see if there is a problem

with the meter. He will document and share his results with Council at the October Council meeting. His bill is on hold until the matter is resolved.

Butch Roberts, representing the Dwight Community Development Corporation, requested a donation for candy for Santa to distribute at the Christmas Cantata on December 6th.

Additions to Agenda: 12.c. DCDC candy donation request.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the August 17th, 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 grass and weeds are not being taken care of at the tennis court fence or school building. Council asked Heather to send the Board of Education a weed letter. He reported that he has had to do some maintenance on the mower. He replaced the filter and some parts. It still doesn't have a lot of power. He has sprayed the pond and fixed pot holes 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. Brad stated in his report that one of the automatic valves at the City Water Tower has gone bad which resulted in the tower overflowing. Steve Euler from Rural Water District #1 troubleshooted the problem, which was a bad gasket. Steve ordered the replacement part and will make needed repairs. The City Tower is supposed to overflow twice a year to make sure it's functioning correctly so this occurrence was not too bad of a thing. Meanwhile, Brad has been manually turning it on and off daily.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. Jerry Mulryan reported to Ricky that a brown dog approached him in his alley and growled at him then left. Ricky is going to try to find the owners of the dog.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. Heather will be placing delinquent accounts on the Kansas Set-Off Collection Program.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Traynor moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a bill for \$129.42 to Councilwoman Pam Goss for the purchase of potting soil, azaleas, a padlock for City Park hydrant, toilet kit and flower pots. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Councilwoman Goss abstained.)

Correspondence: Heather shared an e-mail from Michelle Garrett regarding budget changes in the future. Heather also shared an e-mail from Eric Smith of the League of Kansas Municipalities stating that changing Reynoso Street's name must be done by

Ordinance. Council agreed that Reynoso Drive should not need an Ordinance at this time since it is labeled %Reynoso+with Emergency Services, Taxes, and GPS.

Old Business: Councilwoman Ellis was not in attendance to discuss Park renovations. Councilwoman Goss stated that she has been doing research on different websites. She stated that when the City does purchase park equipment, we need to make sure specs are good on the equipment so no one gets hurt. She stated that Council also needs to keep price of sand or whatever will be used under the equipment will come with a price as well. She recommended Council travel to the Park before the next Council meeting to discuss equipment further. Councilman Lindgren gave an update on the status of the road grader repairs. He stated that all the parts for the engine block have been ordered. Jeff Brown is preparing to put it all back together. Mayor Johnson spoke regarding the 5-Year Capital Improvement plan required for the City. Cindy Jensen told Mayor Johnson that we need to have a plan in place when we transfer money to the Capital Improvement Fund. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting. Councilman Traynor stated that he will bring in an example of the parts needed to replace the street signs around town.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss shared prices for banners from a couple of catalogs. There are a total of 8 poles on Main Street. Council discussed different options for banners, including welcome banners instead of Christmas banners since the City already puts up snowflakes. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Councilman Lindgren made the motion to pay an additional \$5000 principal payment on top of the regular payment to the Kansas State Treasurer for the water project. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to donate \$50 to Christy Claypool for the Halloween party. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Traynor made the motion to donate \$50 to the DCDC for the Christmas Celebration. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Worrell reported a street light out at the gas station. She also asked if anything has been done to repair the BBQ grill at the City Park. Mayor Johnson stated that Ronnie Gallaway is in the process of repairing the grill. Councilman Traynor stated that he will be working out of town and will not be able to read meters in November while Brad is out of town. Heather will ask the City of Alta Vista to read meters in November. Deb Brown told Council about a USDA workshop in Council Grove on September 23rd. Mayor Johnson will attend.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Traynor seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on October 19th, 2015 at 7 PM.