

Dwight City Council Minutes

September 19th, 2016

The Dwight City Council met at 6:30 PM on September 19th, 2016 for a Budget Hearing. Mayor Galen Johnson called the hearing to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Pam Goss, Kathy Worrell, Melissa Ellis and Richard Lindgren. Councilman John Traynor was absent. Visitors present: County Clerk Michelle Garrett, Rick Worrell and City Clerk Heather Brown. Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the budget as presented for the proposed rate of 34.886 mills for 2017. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Michelle will publish the budget.

The Dwight City Council met in regular session at 7 PM. Council members present were Pam Goss, Kathy Worrell, Melissa Ellis and Richard Lindgren. Councilman John Traynor was absent.

Visitors present: Austin Masters(FHRC), David Lighthall, Water Manager Ryan Taylor, Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Dog Catcher Rick Worrell and City Clerk Heather Brown. Austin provided Council members with a brochure discussing Flint Hills Regional Council and stated that the City Council can contact him if they need help with Grant applications.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Minutes: Councilwoman Ellis moved to accept the minutes of the August 15th, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Special Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the September 3rd, 2016 special meeting as presented. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Donald stated that the sewer is operating great. He has had to use his personal mower a lot due to the City mower not working correctly. He has been fixing pot holes around town and also cut many overhanging limbs off of streets.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. Ryan stated that he has exercised all the valves in town and flushed all the hydrants. Since the water tower was just cleaned, he will flush the hydrants for a second time this year. He rode along with Steve Euler from the Rural Water District to gather more knowledge about the water system for testing.

Dog Catcher Report: Rick Worrell was in attendance and provided a written report. He issued the Dog Ordinance No. 200D to new residents due to their dogs running loose.

City Clerk Report: Heather Brown reviewed the financial reports. She also provided a written Clerk Report. Heather stated she had some concern about a resident not having their water on but living on the property. Council directed Heather to contact the Health Department to have

them do a welfare check on the resident. She also provided Council with an updated Amortization Schedule of payments for the General Obligation Bond.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of McDiffett Service for \$7.00 for two spark plugs for the mower. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Councilman Lindgren stated that the heating core is being replaced on the road grader. The estimated cost will be \$475. Repairs to the road grader will be completed soon. Councilwoman Goss stated that the Welcome Banners have been ordered. Council discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a new City mower now or in the Spring. Donald stated that the City definitely needs a new mower due to the current one not running well. Ryan Taylor stated that he has looked at the mower and it needs replaced. Mayor Johnson visited three businesses in Emporia, Hillsboro and Council Grove to get bids on a small industrial mower. The bids were reviewed by Council. Councilwoman Ellis moved to purchase the X-ONE 60+ mower from NAPA in Council Grove at the bid price of \$8576.77. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Council members shared several properties with Heather that need attention or mowing. Heather will send letters to these residents. Donald talked to Scott Switzer regarding hooking his sewer line up to a City Main.

Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go into Executive Session for City Clerk Evaluation of Heather Brown at 8:07 PM for no longer than 15 minutes. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:11 PM. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go into Executive Session for Maintenance Manager Evaluation of Donald Glessner at 8:12 PM for no longer than 15 minutes. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:19 PM. Councilwoman Ellis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go into Executive Session for Water Manager Evaluation of Ryan Taylor at 8:21 PM for no longer than 15 minutes. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss made the motion to go back into regular session at 8:27 PM. Councilwoman Worrell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Goss moved to increase Heather Brown's wage to \$12.50/hour, Ryan Taylor's wage to \$11.00/hour and Mina Miller's wage to \$100/quarter. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Worrell stated that she and Rick checked out the shelter house electricity at the park. Rick will draw up what is needed to change it from 110 to 220. Then Council will open up the work for bids.

Adjournment: Councilman Lindgren made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Goss seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on October 17th, 2016 at 7 PM.