

Dwight City Council Minutes

December 19th, 2018

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on December 19th, 2018 at 7 PM. Mayor Galen Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Council President Pam Goss, Richard Lindgren, John Talley, and Jan Davis. (Councilman John Traynor was absent.)

Also Present: Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Water Manager Ryan Taylor and City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: Mike Shinn, Peter Marquardt, Gary Burton and Jay Evans

A citizen complained about the burn barrel at the old mason building located at 7th Street and Main Street. Heather will send a notice and a copy of the fire ordinance. Peter Marquardt mentioned the alley behind his house. He stated that water is constantly in the alley and he believes there to be a leak somewhere. Ryan Taylor stated that the area has been checked for leaks and there is none. He thinks there may be a natural spring in the alley.

Additions to agenda: Move employee evaluations from A to E on New Business.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the November 19th, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Talley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported that the sewer is running on one pump until Dennis at Two-Wire Electric can put a new check valve on the other pump. NAPA will pickup the Hustler mower for the yearly checkup. He stated that he has started inspections of all the manholes in town.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. There is a small leak at the vault but Steve Euler with RWD is taking care of it. Heather stated that RWD plans to replace the master meter very soon as it is running slow.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky was not in attendance but provided a written report stating there was no calls to report.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed. The Morris County Treasurer's office provided her with a form to complete for the city to be tax-exempt from paying taxes on the tennis court property.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report. Heather will apply for a grant through Walmart in February for a bathroom in the old grocery store.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Two-Wire Electric for \$1018.00. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Councilwoman Davis made the motion to move \$10,000 to the Capital Improvement fund from the General fund. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council members reviewed the city alley policy. Several citizens have stated that their alleys hold water and gravel is not taking care of the issues. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Davis stated that the city should consider hiring another part-time maintenance worker to work during the day. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Goss moved to go into Executive Session at 7:37 PM to do performance evaluation for Ryan Taylor, Water Manager for no longer than ten minutes. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss moved to go back into regular session at 7:44 PM with Councilman Lindgren seconding. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Goss moved to go into Executive Session at 7:45 PM to do performance evaluation for Donald Glessner, Maintenance Manager for no longer than ten minutes. Councilman Talley seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss moved to go back into regular session at 7:55 PM with Councilman Talley seconding. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Goss moved to go into Executive Session at 7:57 PM to do performance evaluation for Heather Brown, City Clerk for no longer than ten minutes. Councilman Talley seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss moved to go back into regular session at 8:05 PM with Councilwoman Davis seconding. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Talley made the motion to increase Ryan Taylor's pay to \$12.00 per hour. Heather, Donald and Ryan will all receive a cost of living increase (Ryan 24 cents per hour, Donald and Heather 26 cents per hour). Heather, Donald and Ryan will all receive a \$100 bonus and Mina Miller and Rick Worrell will receive a \$75 bonus. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Goss stated that the outlet on the pole on 6th Street and Main is not working so the snowflake was not put up there. She stated that Heather should send a Christmas card to Charlie Quick and thank you cards to David Lighthall, and Lester Pletcher for helping the city with snow removal.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Davis made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Lindgren seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on January 21st, 2019 at 7 PM.