

Dwight City Council Minutes

March 18th, 2019

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on March 18th, 2019 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. John Traynor was absent.

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

Visitors present: Peter Marquardt, Becky Teaney, Anna Mae Robidou, Adam Wiebe, Jan Kimbrell, Brenda Switzer, Ken Batten, Jessie Batten, Les Newey, Mike Shinn, Tamara Shinn, Josh Newey, Dustin Marquardt and Christopher Marquardt.

Peter Marquardt called the sheriff about a blocked alley by his house. Council will look into an ordinance pertaining to alleys.

Additions to agenda: None

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the February 18th, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. He reported that the sewer pump station is operating properly and the ponds have the correct level of water. He has been patching pot holes on streets with gravel. A tree blew down at the city park. He will clean it up when it dries out. Mayer Specialty Services came and unplugged the tube between the ponds. It was full of turtles. Council approved for Donald to order two loads of gravel to be put on streets.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He changed the light bulbs at the Library that had burned out but some ballasts need replaced. He will do the repair on them. He checked on a leak due to low water pressure after a resident installed a new water heater. He checked on a possible leak at Osage and 7th Street.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky was not in attendance but provided a written report stating there was no calls to report. Once the weather warms up he will clean out the dog kennels.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed. The annual dog clinic has been scheduled for April 27th from 9-11 AM at the Dwight Fire Station with Rockin KM Vet Clinic in attendance to administer vaccinations. She reported that the state mileage rate increased from 54 cents per mile to 55 cents per mile. She received an order from the State of Kansas Board of Tax Appeals exempting the City of Dwight from ad valorem taxation of the tennis court property parcel ID#064-031-12-0-40-28-001.01-0.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report. He read aloud a list of the past city-wide clean-ups since 2003. A clean-up has not been held since 2014 due to lack of volunteers and citizens taking advantage of the situation. He stated that if someone else wants to take it on, anyone can lead it. Anna Mae Robidou stated that there are some people not able to clean up their properties. Councilwoman Goss stated that Anna Mae is welcome to head it up.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Lindgren moved to approve the bills as presented Councilman Talley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Mayor Johnson shared a card inviting everyone to the grand opening of the state bank in Council Grove on March 24th.

Old Business: The cost of living increase for Superior Systems is 2.5%. Councilwoman Goss moved to increase residential fees by 2.5% from \$14.04 to \$14.39. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept Resolution #2019-3-18 that changes the water service fee section 1(b)a with the current wording to read %a hook-up fee of \$100 must be paid before water service is turned on. The hook-up fee is not a deposit and is non-refundable.+ This resolution goes into effect immediately. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-0. All current deposits with the city will be refunded if requirements are met. Adam Wiebe's request for new sewer line costs was tabled until he can get bids for the work to be completed.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Davis shared a grant writing class coming up in April in Council Grove. Tamara Shinn stated that the city should ask people to help out with the clean-up. Josh Newey stated that he owns the mason lodge building. Mayor Johnson told Josh that the sidewalk needs cleaned off. Peter Marquardt asked if the alley ordinance will be discussed at the April meeting. Becky Teaney asked if the city is required to maintain the alleys. Mayor Johnson stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility. Councilman Talley said that a fire apparatus or other emergency vehicles need to be able to fit down the alleys without them being blocked. Councilwoman Goss mentioned that she will be willing to head up the city-wide clean-up day on May 18th if a requirement of a certain number of volunteers help out. Heather will send an announcement with the water bills. The clean-up will be cancelled if the number of volunteers is not met. Heather will also post the announcement in the newspaper and on the website.

Adjournment: Councilman Talley made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Lindgren seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on April 18th, 2019 at 7 PM.