

## Dwight City Council Minutes

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The budget hearing was held at 6:30 PM with Cindy Jensen participating by phone. She reviewed the Budget draft.

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM. Mayor Galen Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Council President Pam Goss, John Traynor, Richard Lindgren, Jan Davis and Sue Mulryan.

Visitors present: Peter Marquardt, David Lighthall, Dene and Josh Kaster, Anna Mae Robidou, Salih Doughramaji, Jaime Menon, Angela Harris, Brenda Switzer, Ken and Jessie Batten.

Also Present: City Clerk Heather Brown, Water Manager Ryan Taylor, Animal Control Officer Justin Litke.

Dene Kaster spoke to Council about some issues. Jaime Menon of K-State Research and Extension office spoke about the PRIDE program and handed out brochures. Salih Doughramaji of the Department of Commerce spoke about available grants.

Additions to agenda: None.

Minutes: Councilman Traynor moved to accept the minutes of the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was not in attendance but provided a written report. Sewer is operating well. Dennis Nielsen at Two-Wire Electric has done some needed improvements at the pump station.

Water Manager Report: Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He has been weedeating around town. He installed a new water meter at the elevator. Leak at the Methodist church was on the church's side of the meter. He met with a resident about her new water meter location and marked the water main for Larson Construction to hook into. A culvert needs repaired at 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Oak.

Dog Catcher Report: Justin Litke was in attendance and provided a written report. He fixed the kennel door, cleaned the inside and outside of the kennel area. He bought a small bag of dog food to carry in his truck in case he picks up any dogs. Each night he drives through Dwight checking for loose animals. He will be ordering a catch/release pole.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Traynor)

Correspondence: Letter from Tamara Shinn.

Old Business: Angela Harris gave the city park committee report. They held a clean-up day on September 14<sup>th</sup> with a great turn out of volunteers. The Council Grove disc golf club has voted to donate three baskets to the Dwight Park. The DCDC would like to replace the tree that fell down at the park. At the October work-day, the committee plans to paint the bathroom and repair the bathroom roof among other things.

Councilwoman Davis spoke stated that the Meet the Candidate Forum will be held at the Dwight Community Building at 7 PM on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Mayor Johnson reviewed the bids received for a backup generator. Councilman Traynor stated that he would like a special meeting to discuss the generator bids. Heather spoke with Kansas Gas Service and they stated that up to 200 feet of line from an existing main would be free. Councilman Lindgren moved to accept the bid from Jones Electric for the 25kw generator with the option of removing the old generator as well as looking into the option of air cooled as opposed to liquid cooled. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Councilman Traynor discussed his opposition of accepting a bid without proper time to thoroughly review the bids. Councilwoman Mulryan stated that the other bids do not meet the criteria. Motion carried 4-1 (Traynor). Councilwoman Mulryan moved to return the transfer switch back to Foley Equipment and pay them the \$700 restocking fee and trip fees. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Councilman Traynor stated that council is under no obligation to pay for a restocking fee of a transfer switch that was never approved by Council. Councilwoman Davis stated that this is a lesson learned. Motion carried 4-1 (Traynor).

New Business: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept Resolution #2019-9-16 to increase the sewer rate from \$15 to \$20 per month. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Councilman Traynor asked why the increase is necessary. Heather stated that sewer maintenance costs keep increasing drastically each year. Motion carried 3-2 (Traynor and Davis).

Councilwoman Mulryan made the motion to pay an additional \$5000 on the principal to the General Obligation Bond, making the total payment \$27,811.25. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Code and Ordinance #2019-9-16 (Municipal Court) were tabled until the October meeting.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Mulryan stated that the stop sign by the old lumberyard is too close to the building headed west. Heather will let Donald know. Heather will contact the sheriff regarding a car that has been parked on the side of Highway 57 since June. Councilwoman Goss asked Heather to call the Morris County Sheriff and ask them to perform extra patrols on September 20, 21 and 22 due to an event outside of Dwight. Mayor Johnson stated that he would like the city to go with the PRIDE committee to be able to go after different grants. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the October meeting. Heather will call the K-State Research and Extension office to see if any charges are involved with being a member. Ryan stated that he will talk to Ricky Worrell about well #2 and they are discussing making needed repairs on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Ryan will work on the sidewalk outside the post office at the same time.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Davis made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Mulryan seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM.