

Dwight City Council Minutes

November 18th, 2019

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on November 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, Jan Davis and Sue Mulryan. John Traynor was absent.

Visitors present: Peter Marquardt, Angela Harris, Nancy Evans, Aubrey Evans, Jessie Batten, Brenda Switzer, and Angie Schwerdtfeger

Also Present: City Clerk Heather Brown, Water Manager Ryan Taylor, Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Animal Control Officer Justin Litke, and City Attorney Ben Oleen

Mayor Johnson announced the newly elected council members and Heather stated that they will need to come in to the office before the second Monday in January to be sworn in.

Peter Marquardt spoke about a Christmas tree in the Dwight city park. Aubrey Evans recommended getting ahold of the forest service to see what kind of tree the city should purchase. Councilwoman Goss would like to see a Christmas tree on Main Street still.

Additions to agenda: None.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the October 21st, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided a written report. Sewer is operating well. NAPA would like to winterize the Hustler mower. He and Ryan got the road grader running. He had to buy two new batteries for it. It also had a flat tire that The Tire Shop will repair. The door on the Community Building is broke and off its hinges. A new door was priced at Adams for \$230.00. Ryan will replace the door. Donald also stated that he helped Ryan take the Main street banners down for the winter.

Water Manager Report: Ryan Taylor was in attendance and provided a written report. He worked on well #2 and replaced the slab of concrete in front of the post office. He put three tractor loads of sand in well #2. One biological sample came back positive for total coli. The test was repeated and came back negative. All other biological samples he has taken have come back normal. If the city were to use the backup wells again, a full gamate of tests would need to be ran costing \$1500 each well or the city could just have a \$30 nitrate test done to see where that level is at. Councilwoman Mulryan moved to authorize Ryan to get a water sample from both well #1 and well #2 to have nitrates tested. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The second hydrant flushing has been completed for the year.

Animal Control Officer Report: Justin Litke was in attendance and provided a written report.

City Park Committee Report: Nothing new to report since the last meeting. Peter Marquardt stated that the committee can use his post hole digger for the disc golf baskets. The balance remains the same in the account. Angie S. spoke about PRIDE. There is no fee to be a member. Members have to fill out an online quarterly report. The city is not required to do anything except sign a

resolution recognizing that the city is part of the PRIDE program. Councilwoman Goss moved to adopt resolution 2019-11-18. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed. Councilwoman Mulryan moved to allow Councilwoman Goss to purchase bulbs for city snowflakes. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

City Attorney Report: Ben Oleen spoke about the process of a municipal court. He will review the pending Municipal Court Ordinance and make any needed changes.

DCDC Report: The Christmas Cantata will be their next meeting on December 8th. There were not as many trunk or treaters due to the cold weather. Councilwoman Goss asked if guttering has been put on the back of the bar building. It remains to be done.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Lindgren moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Ryan Taylor for his generator usage, labor for welding, pipe and 72 miles mileage for \$169.10. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Council received cards from Friends Helping Friends and the Michelle Garrett Family thanking them for the \$25 donation in Michelle Garrett's name.

Old Business: The correct address for the city backup generator is 802 South Street. Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the \$301 bid from David Lighthall for the old generator. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Justin Litke is interested in the Code Officer position. It will be tabled until the December meeting to see what information City Attorney Ben Oleen finds out. Sheryl Key initiated a fund for care and share by donating \$25. Heather will deliver all other donations to Care and Share in Council Grove by Thanksgiving.

Open Forum: Councilwoman Mulryan moved to purchase the pre-hung door for the Community Building for the quoted price of \$230 from Adams Lumber. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Councilwoman Goss asked Mayor Johnson if he would put hay bales by the crawl space to the Community Building. Ryan stated that it would be a good idea to get a commercial grade closer for the door at the Community Building. Councilwoman Mulryan amended her motion to include a commercial grade door closer. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Goss made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Mulryan seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on December 16th, 2019 at 7 PM.