

CITY of DWIGHT

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An Open Letter to all the Citizens of Dwight,

The following article was in the Topeka Daily Capitol on October 17th, 2018: Former U.S. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker comments were right on when she stated “We’ve gone through our ups and downs, but right now we are very divided. We’ve been divided before, but not like we are today. There are many influences. Instant news is one. Our news seems to come in sound bites, which people can’t understand or tune out. Gone is the discussion around the dinner table and buffet. We’ve lost respect for each other and the knowledge of why government is important. I’ve been trying to understand how we’ve become so vicious. Respect for differing views is gone. It’s important for us to be able to disagree with other viewpoints but still show respect.”

For many years, the City of Dwight has been inquiring about having someone fill the office of Municipal Court Judge for Dwight. The City of Alta Vista recommended their judge Steven Iverson whom we contacted and he was very interested in serving our city. He was sworn in on October 17th, 2018 as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dwight. If you have any questions regarding our Municipal Court Judge, please call the city office at 785-482-3455.

I have always tried to have open meetings where everyone’s voice and opinions could be presented to the Council. During the last few city council meetings we have had, civility has not been used by some visitors and council members. After talking with Steve Iverson, he recommended that we follow the state’s statutes Code of Meeting Procedures. Therefore, a visitor wanting to address the council has to be on the agenda prior to the meeting and will get three minutes to address the council. All other concerned citizens wanting to talk to the council will have to wait until open forum at the end of the meetings and will also get up to three minutes to speak.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to continue to work together!

Galen Johnson
Mayor, City of Dwight