

Dwight City Council Minutes

June 15th, 2020

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on June 15th, 2020 at 7 PM. Mayor Galen Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Council President Pam Goss, John Traynor, Aubrey Evans, Brenda Switzer, and Jan Davis. Mayor Johnson spoke about expectations and guidelines expected during council meetings.

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

Visitors present: Rebecca Teaney, Nancy Evans, Peter Marquardt, Jay and Monica Simecka, Angela Harris and Nicole Holub.

Additions to agenda: None.

Minutes: Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the minutes of the April 20th, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 4-0. (Traynor abstained). Councilwoman Davis moved to accept the minutes of the May 18th, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Traynor).

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was in attendance and provided written reports for April, May and June. He reported that the sewer facilities are in good shape and operating well.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was in attendance. Biological samples have all come back normal. Ryan provided written reports for April, May and June.

PRIDE Report: Angela Harris was present. She stated that the group held a work day at the city park on June 6th. They installed three disc golf baskets. They would like to order some signs for the course. Jason Harris, Brenda Switzer, Jan Davis, Laci Thibodeaux, and Josh Autrey were all present for the work day. A new tetherball is needed. They plan to send out a PRIDE flyer in the water bills in July to form a board at their August meeting. They are looking at future projects in Dwight.

Animal Control Report: Justin Litke provided written reports for April, May and June.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports for April, May and June.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided written reports for April, May and June.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: No work has been done yet to the fascia board at the community building. Councilwoman Switzer mentioned having PRIDE possibly do the repairs. Justin Litke offered to

lend a hand on the project. Councilwoman Switzer provided a written report of the signs in town that need updated. Council members reviewed sign prices. Tabled to July meeting.

New Business: Councilman Traynor stated that the city needs to rent an excavator to clear culverts. He stated that most ditches in town need to be cleaned out. He would be willing to do the work if the city would rent an excavator. This cannot happen due to liability issues. The county will be contacted to request help on this project. Councilwoman Switzer asked council members to drive around town and make note of work that needs to be completed. Councilman Traynor stated that the city needs to be looking at deficiencies with public property before looking at private property. Traynor stated that the city needs to replace the floor joists in the community building, clean out ditches so water will not run through private property, widen city streets so two cars can pass each other with room and install sidewalks for public safety. Councilwoman Evans mentioned holding a community meeting regarding whether or not to have a municipal court. Council decided to hold a community meeting on July 18th, 2020 at 7 PM at the shelter house at the city park.

Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the Kansas Fencing bid in the amount of \$2377.00 to replace the fence at the basketball court. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion failed 2-3 (Evans, Davis and Traynor).

Open Forum: Councilman Traynor stated that the animal control officer was a useless position with money collected only to pay the officer's salary. In his opinion, residents should call 911 if they have an animal issue. Council disagreed with his opinion. Nancy Evans spoke about the Dwight summer reading program for ages Preschool to adult. After every five books read the reader gets a prize. The library got a new bench outside for WIFI users to use. There is a swarm of bees around the Swartz schoolhouse. Councilwoman Goss will contact someone to collect them. Peter Marquardt spoke about his disappointment in the vote about the basketball court fence. Jay and Monica Simecka introduced themselves. Jay is running for Morris County Sheriff.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Goss made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Evans seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on July 20th, 2020 at 7 PM.