

Dwight City Council Minutes

July 20th, 2020

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on July 20th, 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. Masks were required at the meeting however one council member and one visitor refused to wear a mask.

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

Visitors present: Rebecca Teaney, Nancy Evans, Carla Gilbert, Sarah Wallo, Jessie Batten, Angela Harris, Andy Masenthin, and Cindy Jensen.

Cindy Jensen presented the proposed budget for 2021. Council reviewed. She stated that the water and sewer rates may need to be increased to keep up with costs to the city. The budget hearing will be held at 6:30 PM before the next city council meeting on August 17th, 2020.

Additions to agenda: New business b. Publishing the budget

Minutes: Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the minutes of the June 15th, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Traynor)

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He reported that the sewer facilities are in good shape and operating well.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. KDHE conducted their water inspection with no violations reported.

PRIDE Report: Angela Harris provided a written report. Councilwoman Evans moved to recognize PRIDE as part of the City of Dwight. Angela Harris will send Wal-Mart a letter to apply for a grant for PRIDE. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Goss moved to accept the disc golf tee signage at the city park as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Traynor)

Animal Control Report: Justin Litke provided a written report. Councilman Traynor made a motion to adjust all fees charged to a resident for impounding their dog for four days. No second. Councilwoman Evans made the motion to provide Justin Litke a budget of \$50 to repair the city kennels. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-0. (Traynor abstained)

City Treasurer Report: Mina Miller provided a written report and stated that all accounts balance.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. Heather is working with one resident on their water account due to a very significant leak. The resident is making substantial monthly payments.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report. Councilwoman Goss made the statement that the reason for the city creating a code book was to combine all the city ordinances.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Traynor stated that the two "Play at Your Own Risk" signs that were ordered by the city to be put at the basketball court were not approved by council. Heather pulled up the March 2020 city council minutes on the website and read aloud where the council made the decision to purchase them. Councilwoman Switzer and Goss stated that they would pay for the signs out of their own pockets. The bill was removed from the city bill list. Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather read an anonymous letter aloud requesting the city dismiss Councilman John Traynor for his actions and possible criminal charges.

Old Business: It was discussed that the fascia board at the community building be repaired. Councilwoman Goss stated that she would use the city's Rodeo spray to kill the weeds in the ditch on 8th Street. Once the weeds are dead the city can clean out the tree limbs from the ditch. There was much discussion from Councilwoman Goss and Councilman Traynor.

Councilwoman Switzer moved to purchase street signs, poles, brackets and banners with a budget not to exceed \$1500. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Heather shared prices of signs from Evangeline Specialties. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Goss is in contact with the League of Kansas Municipalities with questions about city government and the municipal court. She will report the information she receives back to council at the August meeting.

New Business: Councilman Traynor opposed the proposed 1.8% mil levy increase in the proposed budget. The mil levy increase is \$6 on a \$100,000 house as an example explained by Cindy Jensen. Councilwoman Switzer moved to publish the proposed budget for 2021. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Traynor) Councilwoman Goss moved to hold the budget hearing at 6:30 PM on August 17th, 2020. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Nancy Evans stated that the community building needs to be maintained. Sarah Wallo asked if the Municipal Court ordinance is in effect. Councilwoman Goss stated that it is not in effect and still being worked out. Councilman Traynor stated that meetings need to be civil and that it is time for people who have been on council since the 1980's to resign.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Goss made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Switzer seconding. Motion carried 4-0. (Traynor abstained) Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on August 17th, 2020 at 7 PM.