

Dwight City Council Minutes

June 21st, 2021

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight United Methodist Church on June 21st, 2021 at 7 PM. Mayor Pam Goss opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were John Traynor, Peter Marquardt, Brenda Switzer, Aubrey Evans and Susan Mulryan.

Also Present: City Attorney Bentson Oleen and City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: Mike Shinn, Chris Stewart, Gary Burton, Nancy Evans, Melanie Hilbert, Andrew and Danielle Beamer

Mike Shinn presented council members with a petition against the property located at 909 Oak in Dwight against the following ordinances: #1105, #1104, #1103, #1106, and #200. There are 18 signatures on the petition.

Minutes: Councilwoman Evans moved to accept the minutes of the May 17th regular meeting as presented. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report but was not in attendance. He had to have Dennis at Two-Wire Electric come out and help him get the vacuum pumps running and had to replace one pump. The sewer pumps are operating well now. Council stated that Donald needs to keep track of what he is putting fuel in, when and how much. Heather will request a more detailed itemized receipt from Agri-Trails. Donnie needs to start bringing in the truck mileage sheet to each meeting.

Water Manager Report: Ryan Taylor provided a written report but was not in attendance. Biological samples have all come back normal. Utility Services washed out the water tower on June 17th and 18th. The service went well. There was some paint chipping off in one area at the top but it wasn't bad.

PRIDE Report: No report this month. They will meet again in August.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Evans moved to approve the bills as presented with the additional bill of Tyner Insurance for \$342 for the bond premium. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: City Attorney Ben Oleen was in attendance to discuss the municipal court. Councilwoman Mulryan moved to have Ben Oleen draft a Charter Ordinance to go along with the municipal court ordinance and to set fees. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Councilman Traynor stated that it will be very costly. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-1. (Traynor) Ben will also get a draft of a Resolution for Abatement.

Councilwoman Mulryan moved to hold a special city council meeting on July 8th at 7 PM to discuss the Charter Ordinance and abatement process regarding the 909 Oak petition and to review the abatement resolution. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Traynor)

Councilwoman Mulryan shared a rental agreement between the Dwight Community Development Corporation and the City of Dwight for the use of the DCDC building as a temporary Library. Rent will be \$300 plus utilities (electric, gas, phone and internet). It will be a six month lease and then month to month. There will be no deposit. Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to use the DCDC building for a temporary Library. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Traynor abstained). The Library will move into the building around August 1st.

Mayor Goss thanked Andrew and Danielle Beamer for helping out with the city-wide clean-up. She also thanked Councilman Traynor and his sons for helping out. She stated that the city may hold the clean-up in October next year due to heat.

New Business: Councilman Marquardt moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters for no longer than 30 minutes. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Marquardt moved to go back into regular session. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum: Councilman Traynor told council members that he does not try to be difficult and that nothing he says is personal. He stated that different opinions are needed on council. Councilwoman Mulryan stated that it is important for council members to be careful with the way things are worded when they speak. She also said that different opinions are important or five council members would not be needed. Councilman Marquardt stated that both sewer vacuum pumps were replaced November 8th, 2020. He also asked Heather to check and see when the inside of the water tower was painted last. Councilwoman Switzer said that none of the council's decisions are personal attacks but people need to be held accountable. Heather shared an email from the Morris County clerk regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies available to cities. \$39, 292.01 is available to Dwight from ARPA. Heather and Mayor Goss will request the funds. After a successful application, 50% of the funds will be received immediately and the other 50% will be received twelve months later. Mayor Goss stated that accountability is very important in a city position and that meetings have been running very smoothly and it is all about working as a team. Nancy Evans stated that it is nice to see young families moving into Dwight, volunteering and attending council meetings. Mayor Goss thanked Nancy for her patience with the Library.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Marquardt seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on July 19th, 2021 at 7 PM.