

Dwight City Council Minutes

May 17th, 2021

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight United Methodist Church on May 17th, 2021 at 7 PM. Mayor Pam Goss opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Peter Marquardt, Brenda Switzer, Aubrey Evans and Susan Mulryan. John Traynor was absent.

Visitors present: Nancy Evans, Chris Stewart, Gary Burton, Darrell Miller, David Lighthall, John Walton (Servicemaster), Tracy Henry (Greater Morris County Development Corporation), Mike Shinn and Tammy Shinn

David Lighthall let council know that the Dwight Community Development Corporation has a building available to be used as a temporary Library. The organization wants to help keep a Library in Dwight. Nancy Evans, Chris Stewart, Gary Burton and John Walton spoke about the possible mold remediation plan for the Community Building/Library. Tracy Henry spoke in depth about different grant/loan options.

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

Minutes: Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the minutes of the April 2021 regular meeting and the minutes of the May 6th, 2021 special meeting as presented. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He reported that the sewer station has had many issues. Dennis at Two-Wire Electric has ordered a check valve for pump number one. The tractor is not running very well, it needs a fuel filter. Mayor Goss asked him to spray the weeds on the sidewalk on Main so she can start planting flowers. She also stated that she will call the Morris County Highway Department about a big hole on 8th street.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He took some online classes for his certification renewal.

Animal Control Report: Justin Litke provided a written report. His report included his resignation from the Animal Control position. Mike and Tamara Shinn spoke about their neighbor's dogs and chickens being in their yard all the time and doing damage to their personal property. Justin Litke spoke in depth about his decision to resign, which mostly entailed him not having teeth to do anything about violations due to the city not having a municipal court.

PRIDE Report: There is no report this month.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. She will send a disconnect notice to Account #0081. The water will not be turned back on until the account is paid in full. Heather will be on vacation August 1st-14th.

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Marquardt moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: There will possibly be another special meeting regarding the community building/Library. A committee will be formed with members of the library Board, city council and the DCDC to develop a plan for the possible use of a DCDC building to be used as a Library. Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to rent a 40-yard dumpster (if available) from RNR for the city-wide clean-up. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: Executive Session was tabled until the June meeting. Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to accept Ordinance #2021-5-17 to establish a Municipal Court Ordinance for Dwight. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Mulryan)

Mayor Goss stated that the city budget can be amended at any time, as long as there is a budget court hearing, for funds to be transferred from utility account to Capital Improvement.

Open Forum: Nancy Evans asked if the city will keep the electricity on once the Library is moved to another building. It is unknown at this time. Heather thanked Nancy for getting the requested information regarding past Library expenses to her so quickly. Justin stated that it is disheartening that council members do not show up to the meetings after complaining about agenda topics. Donald Glessner stated that he loves living in Dwight and has no complaints. Councilwoman Evans asked council members their opinions about whether she should resign from council or not due to her new job requiring travel. Council members told her that is completely up to her. She will make a decision by the June meeting. Councilwoman Switzer suggested that the city possibly pursue a water tower cell phone lease to be profitable to the city. Councilman Marquardt requested that the council packets be ready by Thursday before the meeting due to his job schedule. Heather thanked Mayor Goss for all of the work she does to help make her job easier. Council discussed the upcoming election.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Marquardt seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on June 21st, 2021 at 7 PM.