

## Dwight City Council Minutes

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight United Methodist Church on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Susan Mulryan. Aubrey Evans was absent.

Also Present: City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: Nancy Evans and Andrew Beamer

Minutes: Councilman Marquardt moved to accept the minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Traynor seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report but was not in attendance. He reported that the sewer is operating normally. The generator is also in operational mode.

Water Manager Report: Ryan Taylor provided a written report but was not in attendance. Biological samples have all come back normal.

PRIDE Report: The Summerfest Committee met on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Galen and Jean Johnson, Jamie and Bo Feters, Darrell Miller, Lacey Autrey, Deb Brown, Chris and Cathy Stewart, Gary and Connie Burton and Angela Harris were in attendance. Many topics were discussed including music, vendors, transportation, financial contributions and t-shirts. The group also looked at a proposed timeline that would shorten the total length of the day to eliminate gaps in the activities and reduce the amount of time volunteers needed to be available. The next meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Dwight City park. Everyone is invited to attend. Mayor Goss stated that Tyner Insurance is checking on insurance information for Axe Throwing. A certificate of liability insurance will be needed for the vendor.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. Heather reported that the city received \$19,646.01 in ARPA funds. This is 50% of the total that will be received. The other amount will be given to the city in 12 months. Heather completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Kansas withholding tax report, sales tax return and Kansas unemployment return. She stated that the city received \$1796.75 from the State of Kansas for the Special Highway fund. The city also received a claim check from EMC Insurance for the community building freeze loss claim in the amount of \$6977.03. This money was put into the community building fund. She shared an email from Dennis at Two-Wire Electric with warranty information on parts for the sewer lift station. Heather will get ahold of Dennis about the component that he mentioned in his email that can be changed to be proactive to help eliminate the potential of sewage debris getting in the vacuum pump. Heather will get ahold of the USDA to check on the requirements for having an audit done annually. She will also get ahold of Mayer Specialty Services to see if the city can incorporate having the sewer lift station cleaned out annually along with the normal cleaning they conduct annually.

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

Old Business: Heather will send out surveys to all residents regarding income levels to use towards grants, but she will do it at a later time once other avenues have been looked at. Councilwoman Switzer stated that she would like the Library to be up front in the Community Building once the time comes. Councilman Marquardt stated that the city should have the electric and gas shut off at the community building. The water is already turned off. The phone has been transferred to the temporary Library building. Heather will call Evergy and Kansas Gas Service to have the services shut off.

Once the code book is updated, Heather will put it on the city website. Council members will conduct work sessions to update the code book. The next work session will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. Heather will make copies of all ordinances for each council member.

New Business: Councilwoman Switzer moved to pay an additional \$10,000 principal on the General Obligation loan plus the current amount due of \$22,330.00. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Nancy Evans stated that there will be a week long open house at the Library. There will be prizes. Nancy will have Heather send out a thank you in the next newsletter to send out with the water bills. September's city council meeting will be held at the Dwight United Methodist Church, then future meetings will possibly be held at the Library. The September 2<sup>nd</sup> work session will also be held at the Church. Andrew Beamer reminded council about the fire department fundraiser at 3:15 PM on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the city park. Councilman Traynor stated the he can't keep fighting other people's battles for them. He said they need to come to the meetings themselves if they want to be heard. Andy Masenthin will weld the broken rail on the merry-go-round at the city park. Heather will ask Donald to replace the broken light bulbs at the city park shelter house with regular bulbs. Heather will find out prices of light bulb cages. Mayor Goss relayed that Young's Termite came and sprayed the park for ants at an estimated cost of \$100.

Councilman Marquardt made the motion to pay Heather Brown for 22 hours of work missed due to covid out of the General fund. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment: Councilman Traynor made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Marquardt seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM with the Budget and Revenue Neutral Rate hearings proceeding at 6:30 PM.