

Dwight City Council Minutes

December 20th, 2021

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight Library on December 20th, 2021 at 7 PM. Mayor Pam Goss opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Peter Marquardt, Brenda Switzer, Andrew Beamer and Susan Mulryan. John Traynor was absent.

Also Present: Water Manager Ryan Taylor and City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: John Scarce (Superior Systems), Nancy Evans and Danielle Beamer

Minutes: Councilwoman Mulryan moved to accept the minutes of the November 15th, 2021 regular meeting with the deletion of the sentence "They will visit the properties together." Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He reported that the sewer facilities are in good shape and operating well. He has been fixing potholes around town and keeping the brush pile cleaned up. Lights were on on the backup sewer generator on December 16th, 2021. Generator operation has been great besides the one light.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal.

PRIDE Report: Angela Harris was not in attendance.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. She handed warranty information about the sewer backup generator to each council member. She shared two letters from concerned residents. Council discussed the letters in length. Mayor Goss will speak with City Attorney Ben Oleen regarding one of the letters.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of reimbursement of \$41.66 for a vacuum cleaner purchased by Pam Goss for the city office. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Councilman Marquardt moved to purchase one truck load of millings from Shilling's Asphalt at \$9.00/per ton with one delivered load costing an estimate of \$225. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Mulryan moved to send letters to the five discussed abandoned property owners regarding abatement. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Marquardt)

Councilman Marquardt made the motion for Councilwoman Mulryan to purchase a Recognition plaque for up to \$75 for former Mayor Galen Johnson for his 31 years of service to the city. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: The next city work session will be held on January 4th, 2022. The topic discussed at the meeting will be "Prioritizing work sessions."

Generator Maintenance Update: Heather picked up the generator kit. Councilman Marquardt will pick oil up from NAPA for the generator. Councilman Marquardt, Councilman Beamer, Ryan and Donald will perform the needed maintenance to the generator on December 22nd, 2021.

Employee Reviews: Councilman Marquardt moved to go into Executive Session for no longer than 20 minutes for Water Manager Ryan Taylor's evaluation. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Switzer moved to go back into regular session. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Marquardt moved to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes for City Clerk Heather Brown's employee review. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Marquardt moved to go back into regular session. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Forum: Councilman Marquardt stated that he hopes council members will consider raising pay of current employees. Councilman Beamer hopes everyone thinks long and hard about everything discussed at the meeting. Councilwoman Switzer stated that everyone needs to think about the city maintenance position. The January meeting will begin at 6:30 PM to swear-in new council members and to do Donald's employee review. Mayor Goss stated that Gary Eisenhut could possibly do motor grader contract work for the city as a potential option. The American Relief Funds Report is due by April 2022. Mayor Goss requested that council members be thinking of the best way to spend the funds.

Councilwoman Mulryan moved to give city employees Heather Brown, Donald Glessner, Ryan Taylor and Mina Miller bonuses equal to the amount of the bonus they received last year. (\$100 each) Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Adjournment: Councilwoman Mulryan made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Switzer seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on January 17th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.