

Dwight City Council Minutes

November 15th, 2021

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight Library on November 15^h, 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: Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Water Manager Ryan Taylor and City Clerk Heather Brown (by phone).

Visitors present: Nancy Evans, Mike Shinn and Danielle Beamer

Mayors notes: The council members that were voted in will be appointed at the January 17th meeting. The census report has not been released yet to use it when applying for grants. She read a citizens letter aloud. She asked Heather to send another letter to a resident regarding their dogs leash needing shortening.

Nancy Evans stated that the Dwight Library received a \$1000 grant through MFA to use for new books. Santa Claus will be at the Library on December 18th from 10-11 AM. There will be coffee, cocoa and treat bags.

Minutes: Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the minutes of the October 18th, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Councilman Marquardt 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. Council discussed gravel needs on roads in town. Gravel last purchased in September 2020. Heather will call MCM in Manhattan to get current prices on gravel and hauling before prices increase next year. Mayor Goss will call Shillings Construction for the price of millings.

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. Lots of productive things happening at meetings. Many PRIDE members are assisting in the preparation of Summerfest 2022.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. Heather will follow up with City Attorney Ben Oleen regarding a letter received about a utility account of a past resident.

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

Old Business: Council members discussed a letter Mayor Goss drafted to send out to owners of abandoned properties. Council members planned a work session to discuss properties in detail on November 30th, 2021 at 5 PM. Letters will not be sent out until the final list is created of properties that need attention.

Marsha Fleming with KDHE conducted a wastewater inspection with Donald and Heather on October 13th, 2021. The trees on the south side of the sewer ponds need trimmed. The property owner has given the city permission to trim the trees. All issues needing corrected must be done so by December 8th, 2021 or a plan given to Marsha by then and an extension can be given. The flapper on the sewer drain has been corrected already.

New Business: Council members discussed city owned properties that need maintenance work.

Generator Maintenance Update: Councilman Traynor, Councilman Marquardt and Donald are heading the project up.

Councilman Beamer moved for Heather to call Evergy about reconnecting electricity for December and January to use for the snowflakes on Main Street. If it costs less than \$150 then move forward with having them re-connect. Councilwoman Mulryan moved that in the event that Evergy is unwilling to turn the electricity back on at the Community building for just December and January that Mayor Goss will purchase decorative flags and poles not to exceed \$250. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Goss asked Council members to come up with topics for future work sessions to discuss at the December council meeting. All work sessions will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8 PM.

Councilwoman Switzer asked Ryan about the water usage. Ryan stated that usage has been within normal range. Councilwoman Switzer will check into grants offered through AARP.

Councilman Marquardt moved to donate \$50 to the Dwight Community Development Corporation for Christmas treat bags. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Heather will purchase an office phone and a new label maker.

Open Forum: Mayor Goss stated that employee job descriptions will be discussed at the December meeting. Employee evaluations will also be at the December meeting. Heather will gather other water tower maintenance companies costs and report back at the December meeting. Heather stated that Kathy Worrell sent the city a thank you card for the donation in her Moms name. The money was donated to the American Cancer Society. Councilwoman Mulryan will get information on a plaque for Galen Johnson for his 31 years of service to Dwight.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Switzer made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Marquardt seconding. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on December 20th, 2021 at 7 PM.