

Dwight City Council Minutes

February 21st, 2022

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight Library on February 21st, 2022 at 7 PM. Mayor Pam Goss opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Peter Marquardt, Brenda Switzer, Susan Mulryan, Mike Shinn and Andrew Beamer.

Also Present: Maintenance Manager Donald Glessner, Water Manager Ryan Taylor, City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: Galen Johnson, Nancy Evans and Creighton Remus with Nex-Tech Wireless.

Mr. Remus was present to discuss the possible placement of Nex-Tech's cellular antennas at the water tower in Dwight to improve wireless coverage in the area. The city will receive no royalties from this. Council will discuss further in new business.

Mayor Pam Goss presented former Mayor Galen Johnson with a recognition plaque for his 33 years of service to the city as Councilman and Mayor from 1987-2020. Galen spoke for a few minutes after receiving his plaque.

Additions to agenda: None

Minutes: Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the minutes of the January 17th, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Councilman Shinn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He reported that the sewer facilities are in good shape and operating well. The Mayor and Council members discussed the recent issues of debris in the sewer system and the cost of maintenance when this happens. A note regarding this issue will be added to the upcoming newsletter asking all residents to be cautious of what is flushed.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He reported that he purchased four new locks for meters. SUEZ came and repaired the hatch at the water tower and did a quick inspection. Brad with SUEZ will recommend having the outside of the tower painted.

Pride report: Angela Harris was not present but provided a written report. They are actively making plans for the Summerfest event that will be held on August 6th, 2022. They continue to meet on the first Monday of each month.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. She reported that she completed the monthly 941 tax report and all quarterly and annual tax returns and reports. She asked council members if she could include a Summerfest sticker with each water bill to help promote the upcoming event. Councilwoman Mulryan moved to purchase 115 stickers from Amy Oleen-Naaf for every household in Dwight to have one for a total of \$86.25. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Mulryan moved to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Mayor Goss went to the last Summerfest meeting. The city will pay \$250 for the special event insurance coverage for Summerfest. She is also looking into renewal bids for the City insurance.

New Business: Councilwoman Switzer moved to apply for a city business debit card to make online purchases, in-store purchases and make hotel reservations. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Councilwoman Mulryan stated that the council should create a usage policy for the debit card. The usage policy will be discussed at a future work session. Motion carried 5-0.

Heather suggested sending bills as paperless billing to those city residents who would be interested in that option. Council discussed. A survey question will be included in the newsletter to see how many people would be interested in paperless billing. Councilwoman Switzer mentioned that it would be nice to be able to see billing information on the city website. Heather will discuss this further with the IT person that sets up the laptop.

Heather stated she spoke with the city's Accountant, Cindy Jensen, about the Library tax share and asked if it can be used to pay for Library rent and utilities. Cindy stated that the city can choose to do that and keep track of the funds separately. This was tabled until the March meeting.

Councilwoman Switzer moved to accept the #2022-2-21 GAAP Resolution. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Marquardt moved to opt out of the city being a member of the Flint Hills Regional Council. Councilman Shinn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Mulryan moved to approve Nex-Tech Wireless to place a tower on the South side of the water tower. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Switzer stated that in the future there should a schedule which Donald follows during snow events to clear the streets. School buses are required a clear path when picking up students. Contact with the school districts will be made at the beginning of each year asking for a bus schedule to determine which streets will be cleared first during school days.

Open Forum: Nancy Evans asked council members if they know who had made the old Library sign. Mayor Goss stated that it was possibly a boy scout who made the sign. The Library may do whatever they please with the sign. Councilwoman Mulryan stated someone approached her regarding possibly purchasing the old Dwight school building from the current owner. Councilwoman Mulryan spoke with the current owner and there is ongoing communication between the two.

Adjournment: Councilman Marquardt made the motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Mulryan seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on March 21st, 2022 at 7 PM.