

Dwight City Council Minutes

July 18th, 2022

The Dwight City Council met for a regular meeting at the Dwight Library on July 18th, 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, City Treasurer Mina Miller and City Clerk Heather Brown

Visitors present: Jay and Nancy Evans, Amy Oleen-Naaf, Angela Harris and Cindy Jensen.

Cindy Jensen presented the draft 2023 budget. Council members discussed the revenue neutral rate and mill levy. Councilwoman Mulryan moved to notify the Morris County clerk that the city plans to exceed the revenue neutral rate with the proposed mill levy of 35,000 mills. The RNR hearing will be held on 6:30 PM before the September 19th council meeting. The budget hearing will take place immediately following the RNR hearing. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Amy Oleen-Naaf gave a Pink Gravel building project update. She will have a drawing of the building presented to council members by the August 2nd work session.

Angela Harris questioned the city on their questions to Amy Oleen-Naaf regarding her new building. Angela also asked why the Dwight baseball field was not ready to use over the summer. Donald stated that he had the field ready to use a few times but the games were cancelled each time.

Tammy Shinn arrived at 7:55 PM. She asked why the petition that she had turned in a year and a half ago has had nothing done with it. She does not agree that Pink Gravel should be allowed to be placed in a Residential community. Councilman Beamer stated that the abatement process has begun but is a very slow process and Dwight does not have any zoning laws.

Additions to agenda: None

Minutes: Councilman Marquardt moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Switzer seconded. Motion carried 4-1. (Shinn)

Special Meeting Minutes: Councilwoman Mulryan moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on July 7th, 2022. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Shinn).

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner provided a written report. He reported that the sewer pump station had major and minor parts updated by Two-wire Electric. After the parts replacements, the pump station is operating normal. Councilwoman Mulryan stated that there is a hole in the street near her home that needs repaired. Donald stated that there are a few holes that need major repairs. The concrete tube has fallen apart, needs dug up and put back together or replaced with a new one. Mayor Goss will contact the Morris County commissioners to see if they would be willing to help out with the repairs due to the city not having the necessary equipment to do the work. Councilman Beamer stated that he would like to see Donald use the road grader more often.

Mayor Goss had Dennis at Two-Wire Electric check out the electrical at the concession stand building at the ball field. Jamie Fetters sent Mayor Goss an email stating that they have checked the electrical out and it is ready for Summerfest. The Fetters' are facilitating setting up for the bands that will be performing at Summerfest. Mayor Goss will get in contact with Bo Fetters and follow-up with Dennis to make sure the electrical is good to go for the event.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. Council asked about the broken meter pits in town that need replaced.

Pride report: Angela Harris was present and provided a verbal report. The city will ask Morris County Sheriff's Department to perform extra patrols on August 6th for Summerfest.

City Treasurer Report: Mina Miller was present and presented council members with the revised January-March 2022 Treasurer's report and the April-June 2022 Treasurer's report.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided written reports and financials. The city received the remaining half of the ARPA funds in the amount of \$19,762.89. The city has not spent any of the ARPA funds yet.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the bills as presented with retracting the invoice to Two-Wire Electric for \$410 due to it being a duplicate. Councilman Marquardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Councilman Beamer will finish taking the rest of the chain link fence and top rail down at the basketball court. Donald and Ryan will remove fence and put it inside the sewer pond gate.

Councilman Marquardt moved to rent a boom truck from United Rentals in Topeka for July 23rd and 24th not to exceed \$500. Councilman Beamer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Beamer moved to proceed with the demolition quote from Mark Pearson in the amount of \$9,250. Councilman Shinn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Ben Oleen will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 15th at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

Council members tabled employee evaluations until a special meeting can be held.

Open Forum:

Councilman Marquardt stated that Angela Harris had a Pride group of people together that had been willing to put the chain link fence up at the basketball court. The city has already voted to have the fencing removed. Councilman Beamer asked Heather for a follow-up regarding if Kansas Rural Water Association films sewer lines. Heather stated that she had contacted the KRWA and they do not do that service. Councilman Beamer shared a document that was given to him from Tammy Shinn regarding mobile homes/rv's. This topic will be discussed at the next work session. Mayor Goss spoke with Creighton Remus at Nextech Wireless. Installation of the wireless boosters will be the end of August or first of September.

Adjournment: Councilman Beamer made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Shinn seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on August 15th, 2022 at 7PM.