

Dwight City Council Minutes

June 17th, 2019

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on June 17th, 2019 at 7 PM. Mayor Galen Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other council members present were Council President Pam Goss, John Traynor, Richard Lindgren, John Talley, and Jan Davis.

Visitors present: Jay Evans, Nancy Evans, Kathy Worrell, Anna Mae Robidou, Karl Kempfer, David Lighthall, Carla Gilbert, Aubrey Evans, Rebecca Teaney, Tamara Shinn, Mike Shinn, Jessie Batten, Ken Batten

Also Present: City Clerk Heather Brown

Mayor Johnson swore in Susan Mulryan as a councilwoman. Councilwoman Mulryan read the oath aloud and Mayor Johnson signed the oath.

Carla Gilbert spoke about having an issue with having to register her dogs when others don't have to register chickens, donkeys, or other animals. Will discuss in new business c.

Karl Kempfer spoke about the property at 428 10th Street he recently purchased. He would like to have a controlled burn to get the old house burned down. He also asked the city council if they would be willing to vacate the alley to him at that property. Alley will be discussed at July's meeting in old business after further research on the alley can be conducted.

Additions to agenda: New Business c. Registrations

Minutes: Councilman Traynor moved to accept the minutes of the May 20th, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was not in attendance but provided a written report. Sewer is operating well.

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

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky was not in attendance but provided a written report stating there were no calls to report. Heather gave him an updated copy of dog registrations. Rockin KM vet asked if the city wanted to have a stray contract in place. Heather will make copies of the contract for council to discuss at July's meeting.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed. Councilman Traynor stated that the Kansas Mini Bike club is going to mow the old school grounds as a community service project. Heather stated that she mailed out 22 reminder letters for dog registrations. She mailed Union Pacific a letter requesting maintenance be done on the sidewalk on the tracks. The Library Board members are: President-Nancy Evans, Vice

President-Jane Kirkemide, Secretary-Cindy Cronin, Treasurer-Karen Byrd, Systems Rep-Marilyn Smith, other board members-Marilyn Kaluhiokalani, and Pam Switzer.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report. A generator was ordered from Foley Equipment for sewer backup. Councilman Traynor asked Mayor Johnson where the authority came from to spend \$20,000 without a meeting. Councilwoman Davis stated that Mayor Johnson should have shopped around before spending that kind of money. Mayor Johnson will call Foley Equipment to see if a hold can be placed on the order until it can be voted on at July's meeting. Mayor Johnson stated that he felt urgency to get a generator to back up the town in case of an emergency. Councilman Lindgren stated that he would be in favor of getting more time to research generators and get bids. Councilman Traynor will get bids for generators. He will get the proper size of the generator from Donald Glessner.

City Attorney: In a letter received from Attorney Ben Oleen he stated, "financially assisting some owners with financial aid in hooking up sewer service and not assisting other owners would lead to accusations of preferential/discriminatory treatment that I believe would lead to feelings of unfairness to the city. There may be some situations where the city council, and the city as a whole, may benefit in extending the city sewer line or assisting landowners in certain situations. However, the current situation with Brenda Switzer and Adam Wiebe are clearly outlined in the ordinances discussed. That the City is not legally responsible for financial assistance to either landowner in accordance with city ordinances and Kansas law. In my legal opinion, the city is not required to expand or extend the sewer system for the two landowners that are currently requesting financial assistance in installing sewer service on their properties."

Review and approval of bills: Councilman Traynor moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of MKC for Rodeo for \$389.00. Councilwoman Mulryan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared a thank you card from Betty Morgan. She thanked council for having a city-wide clean-up.

Old Business: Councilman Traynor stated that the city should be doing everything in its power to expand the city. He made the motion to put out for bid the sewer line heading North on 6th Street from Osage heading North, the distance required to reach the property in question. He then amended his motion to include the other property in question (Wiebe) on Grove between 7th and 8th streets. Councilwoman Davis seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Lindgren). BIDS ONLY.

New Business: Water line installation of Brenda Switzer's line was discussed. The foundation was already poured and ready. She is requesting a detailed bid for installation from Charles Holub and Larson Construction. The Dog Ordinance is no problem and council will let discussion rest about other animals having to be registered. Councilwoman Goss did not submit a bill for planting and buying flowers for Main street. She donated her money this year instead.

Open Forum: Tamara Shinn, Jay Evans and Kathy Worrell all spoke during open forum.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Mulryan made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Lindgren seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on July 15th, 2019 at 7 PM.