

Dwight City Council Minutes

May 20th, 2019

The Dwight City Council met for a regular Meeting on May 20th, 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: Brenda Switzer, Anna Mae Robidou, Ricky Worrell, Kathy Worrell, Becky Teaney

Also Present: City Clerk Heather Brown

Additions to agenda: Old Business a. Talk about clean up day. New Business c. Resignation of council member.

Minutes: Councilman Traynor moved to accept the minutes of the April 15th, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Councilwoman Goss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Manager Report: Donald Glessner was not in attendance but provided a written report. Sewer is operating well. Pot holes are being filled. The tree in the park is cleaned up but still need to remove the stump. Mayor Johnson mentioned needing to replace the city generator in case of a power outage.

Water Manager Report: Water Manager Ryan Taylor was not in attendance but provided a written report. Biological samples have all come back normal. He flushed all the hydrants and exercised all the valves on May 11th. Donald helped him hang the city banners on Main Street. On May 17th, he started draining the water tower for Utility Services sandblast and paint the inside of the tower. It is a 3-4 week process. If there is a fire, the bypass will need to be opened at the vault. He opened the city park bathroom. On May 19th, he received a couple of calls regarding low water pressure. He stopped the fire department from filling their new tanker due to the water tower being maintenanced.

Dog Catcher Report: Ricky was in attendance and provided a written report stating there was no calls to report. Heather provided him with an updated list of current dog registrations. Kathy Worrell suggested that the city send letters out with a 30-day grace period before a \$25 fine is imposed for dogs not registered. Heather will send the letters out as soon as possible.

City Clerk Report: Heather provided a written report and financial reports were reviewed. She stated that all of the quarterly taxes and reports have been completed. The consumer confidence report is available on the city website.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Johnson provided a written report. He met with city attorney Ben Oleen on April 23rd to discuss the sewer code, sewer maps and alley standard traffic ordinances. Flint Hills Regional Council would like Dwight to host the meeting on July 19th from 9 AM to noon. Council was in favor of hosting the meeting. Councilwoman Goss said she would provide the

refreshments at the FHRC meeting. Councilman Traynor also stated he could help out with the meeting.

Review and approval of bills: Councilwoman Goss moved to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Core & Main for \$96.77. Councilman Lindgren seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: Heather shared that the city received a dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$1384.39 for having no claims for the year.

Old Business: Councilwoman Goss would like Heather to send a thank you letter out with the water bills with a list of all who helped with the city-wide clean-up. Mayor Johnson shared the proposal from Larson Construction to extend the sewer line 140 feet on 6th street. Council and Brenda Switzer are waiting to hear from City Attorney Ben Oleen with his advice. Councilman Traynor made the motion to expand sewer lines at Oak & 6th Streets heading North and also, Grove & 8th Streets heading East as needed. Councilwoman Davis seconded. In discussion, Mayor Johnson went on record stating that the city does not need to extend sewer lines. Councilwoman Davis stated that the city may expand further out in the future so expansion is needed. Much discussion followed. 2-3 motion failed. (Talley, Goss, and Lindgren). Gravel on city streets was discussed. Ben Smith Trucking is now delivering gravel to the city.

New Business: Heather provided council members with an updated copy of the current dog registrations. Weed violations were discussed. Right now with the wet conditions, it is hard for anyone to mow. Heather will send letters to people whose yards have not been mowed. Councilman Talley gave Mayor Johnson a resignation letter from City Council. He has built a house in Alta Vista. Mayor Johnson accepted his resignation. Councilman Talley stated that it has been a privilege and a learning experience and thanked Council.

Open Forum: Councilman Traynor stated that he doesn't understand what city council is here for if we do not want our town to expand and grow. Councilman Lindgren stated that the election filing fee is \$20 or five signatures. Councilwoman Goss stated that she will plant flowers as soon as it quits raining so much. Anna Mae Robidou thanked council for organizing city-wide clean-up. She said that she is really happy with council members. Councilwoman Goss stated that when clean-up day is held next year, it would be wise to have people notify council of what they have out on their curb for better organization.

Adjournment: Councilman Traynor made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Talley seconding. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on May 20th, 2019 at 7 PM.