

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Council Meeting held March 11, 2024

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmembers: Craig Doris, Marlene Rupp, Austin Bretz and Janet Shapland. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike Undersheriff Hailey Knoll, Everett Green & David Post with Rodenbeek & Green Agency, Steve Porter, Jacob Gayer, Bill and Donnis Maughlin, Superintendent Craig Collins and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Everett Green and David Post with Rodenbeek and Green Agency presented the proposal for Annual Insurance Renewal.

Bill and Donnis Maughlin met with the council regarding a water leak they had at their residence. They felt there was a lack of communication within the 3 parties.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to amend the minutes from the special meeting on February 27, 2024, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Undersheriff Hailey Knoll reported for the sheriff's office that they are still recruiting officers.

Steve Porter with KMEA reported that poles that were ordered are in.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that City/County had priced a new truck and will not be doing anything at this time.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that they have sealed around the garage doors and are working on the water line at the city shop. Craig told council he was approached a community garden. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the community garden, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Craig reported there is an untagged RV parked on the city street. He was advised to contact the sheriff. Craig reported that there are some street signs that need to be replaced. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to replace the signs, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel asked the council what the age limit was for lifeguards. She was advised to contact insurance.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp advised council she would like to apply for a grant with Lane-Scott Electric for benches in the park.

Councilman Craig Doris asked where we were with the Request for Proposals for Power Supply. Craig Collins will contact JP Metzler.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda adding F. Insurance and G. Trash dumpster under new business and move the Executive Session to 7A after unfinished business, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that they have approximately 15 unanswered lead and copper surveys.

Discussion was held on a sand spreader and truck. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a possible contingent liability pursuant to the attorney/client privilege exception with council and attorney. The open meeting will resume 7:05 pm. City Clerk Nicole Strobel was called in at 7:00 pm. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to extend the executive session for an additional 5 minutes, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:09 pm, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current software for the City of Dighton. City Clerk Nicole Strobel gathered information from the City Clerk List Serve on other software companies. It was decided to table this matter until the April meeting to gather additional information.

After discussion about the electrical rate study, it was decided to table until the April 8, 2024 meeting.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to appoint Councilman Austin Bretz as the Alternate KMEA Board of Directors, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on sprinklers in the city park and the work needed to be done prior to installation. The quote given will hold until all work is done and ready for installation.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to do underground electrical lines, leveling of grass and to approve the quote from JS Sprinkler Service for \$26,500 with partial payment of \$6,625 to install sprinkler system after Superintendent Craig Collins has talked with JS Sprinkler System about availability of parts, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Spring Clean-Up was discussed and tabled until the April 8, 2024 meeting.


Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to accept the bid of \$64,855 from Rodenbeek and Green Agency for Annual Insurance Renewal Proposal, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to approve the presentation of bills, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.



Annita Lorimor, Mayor



Nicole Strobel, City Clerk