

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Council Meeting held April 8, 2024

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmembers: Craig Doris, Austin Bretz, Erik Steffens and Janet Shapland. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ronald Ridley, Don Rivera with Western Kansas Child Advocacy, Ardith Scammehorn, A.G. Turner, Steve Porter, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilkison and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the agenda and licenses, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Don Rivera with Western Kansas Child Advocacy met with the council and presented information and asked for their continued support. Council asked for more information and will wait for this to make their decision.

Sheriff Ridley reported they are still short on officers. A bicycle rodeo is planned with Dighton Recreation for students.

Steve Porter with KMEA reported they have started on the underground wiring in the city park. He sold some used transformers and we should be receiving a check soon.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported he would like to purchase an electric cord reel for the city fire truck #542. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to purchase an electric reel for the City Fire truck #542, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins presented a proposal from B & H Paving for street sealing. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the proposal from B & H Paving, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all motion carried. Superintendent Collins reported that they have finished painting the pool.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that the sign on the 4-way has been repaired, but there was more damage than originally thought from the hail storm. Council advised her to check with insurance. City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she has had some issues with her computer and IT has addressed the issue at this time.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland suggested when ordering new billing cards, we add the after-hours number to the back.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported for Councilwoman Marlene Rupp that she hasn't heard anything from Lane-Scott on the grant.

Councilman Craig Doris was wondering if dates have been set for workshops with KMEA and Sunflower Electric. Council set dates for the workshops on April 15 and 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to go into executive session as Sunrise Village Board of Directors to discuss risk management pursuant to attorney client privileges for 15 minutes, with council, attorney and City Clerk. The open meeting will resume at 6:25 pm.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to come out of executive session at 6:25 pm, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Superintend Craig Collins reported that the Lead and Copper Survey is done and has been submitted.

gWorks software was discussed and consensus was to stay with what we have.

Electrical rate study was tabled until the May city council meeting.

Discussion was held on Spring Clean-Up. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to hold Spring Clean-Up on June 3rd and 4th, 2024, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Discussion was held on adding additional sprinklers between swimming pool and boy scout building. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the additional sprinklers between the swimming pool and boy scout building for \$4500.00, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Amended minutes from the February 27, 2024 special meeting was discussed and will stay as written.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to pay the 2024 Business Annual Membership dues of \$100.00 to Lane County Eco Devo/Chamber, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported that master gardeners and volunteers will do the flowers at the 4-way again this year. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to allow \$300.00 for plants at the 4-way, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Correction to the Personnel Policies and Guidelines was discussed. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to approve Option #2 and to updated and distribute new Personnel Policies and Guidelines, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the bid for repair on Well #11 and get submitted to insurance, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the presentation of bills, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk