

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton  
Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present were Janet Shapland, Marlene Rupp, Craig Doris, Erik Steffens, and Austin Bretz. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ron Ridley, Brett Waggoner, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Justice Rios, and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the consent agenda and license with corrections to spelling, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to move A under new business to visitors and move everything after up, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Brett Waggoner with Government Assistance Services talked to the council about grants available and process of applying for grants. Brett informed the council that a grant through Kansas Water Office is open until September 30, 2025, and he would submit an application for the grant for the City of Dighton with no charge. Councilmember Erik Steffens made the motion for the mayor to authorize KWO grant application, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on DOT tires on Work Site/Micro-Utility Trucks. Application will be changed.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that the SCBA's will be purchased with funds from the City Fire fund with Lane County Community Foundation.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that streets were sealed and that they will be sealing cracks on Hwy 96 and Hwy 23 inside the city limits. Collins talked about tree trimming, he will gather more information for September meeting.

Collins reported on the repairs fixed on the street sweeper and the ones they are still working on.

Collins talked about mowing the sewers, in the past they would rent a tractor from LCI to pull the city's mower behind around the sewer ponds. LCI currently doesn't have a tractor available to rent. It was discussed in the future that Craig will see if he could rent one from a local farmer.

Discussion was held regarding 343 S. Eagle. Notice will be sent out concerning the yard.

Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23.

Collins talked about the State project that will start in February of 2027. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to authorize Craig to work with KDOT to relocate power lines that run east and west at north side of bridge at no cost to the city, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on opening last block of George Street.

Superintendent Collins told the council about several cities going together to apply for grants. Collins stated there will be an informative meeting on Wed., August 13 in Leoti that he will attend for more information.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she mailed in a letter requesting permission early payoff on the city's bond. A letter was received granting permission for early payoff of the city's bond. Bond will be payed off on September 2, 2025 for \$975,101.12.

City Clerk Strobel reported that she had someone bring up the tables in the Scout House and possibly replacing them. Discussion was held on the tables at the Scout House.

City Clerk Strobel reported that she had talked with several cities around the same size as Dighton regarding what software they are using and the pros and cons of that software.

Mapping Software was discussed and tabled until next month.

Software for the city office was tabled.

Sensus software was discussed and will look at in December.

Discussion was held on Municipal Court changes.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to pass Standard Traffic Ordinance #728 and Uniform Public Offense Ordinance #729, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

There being no public comments regarding budget hearing, Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the 2026 Budget, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, all yeas, motion carried.


Discussion was held regarding the complaints; a mow notice will be placed on the door at 400 E. Cherry.

Discussion was held on Ordinance #701 Worksite-Utility Vehicles/Micro-Utility Trucks. After discussion consensus was to change the application.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland mentioned the matter of paying KMEA by Electronic ACH. Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to allow KMEA to draft city's account monthly instead of mailing a check, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to pay the bills as presented, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

  
Annita Lorimor, Mayor  
Nicole Strobel, City Clerk