

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton  
Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025

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

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the agenda and licenses, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Fire Chief Craig Colllins reported that they conducted training on vehicles with the Jaws of Life.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported he received several complaints at 420 N. Central. After a notice was sent and appropriate time waited it was mowed and cleaned up, and fee was charged to customer.

Superintendent Collins reported that the KDOT Bridge Contract was approved for funding.

Superintendent Collins reported that the city has a 1994 pick up he would like to sell on Purple Wave. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to sale the 1994 pickup on Purple Wave, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

City crew is blowing out cracks in streets and sealing them.

Superintendent Collins reported that we are having issues with Ness City Computers working on computers in a timely matter. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to give a 30-day timeline or execute the contract, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins said he spoke to SAMS Mapping, and they are about finished with the web page and will begin training.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel discussed the discontinuation of pennies. After discussion Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to post notices that we ask if paying in cash, to bring the exact change or any overpayment in penny increments will be credited towards your next bill, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel discussed the confusion with the new policy for CMB licenses. After discussion consensus was if needed City Council

would have a special meeting to approve CMB Licenses before the end of the year.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda by adding 8a; 8b; and 8c under Executive session, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Tree trimming was discussed, City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported to the city council that Councilman Erik Steffens had talked with Guy Fullmer and he was not interested. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to have Superintendent Collins check with Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC to see if we could still get the 2025 contract and split the payment between 2025 and 2026, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the dog ordinance and will be tabled until the January 2026 meeting.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the quote from Key Equipment for the pump off for the sewer truck, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

E-Scooters were discussed and Attorney Dale Pike shared the information in the Standard Traffic Ordinance that provides some guidance.

Discussion was held concerning the Historic Hotel, Superintendent Collins reported that the property has been somewhat cleaned up.

Trash issues and trash rates were discussed. Consensus was that any trash too big to fit in the city dumpster, if caught will be fined \$150.00 from the City of Dighton.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to increase trash fee to \$16.15 per month effective with the January 2026 billing, due to Northend Disposal raising their rates, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to designate Dighton Herald as the official newspaper for reporting, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the 2026 City Council meeting dates, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to gift each employee \$100.00 Lane County Dollars, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Mayor Annita Lorimor reported that the cities T-bills are to be renewed. Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to renew T-bills with reasonable rates, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Dorsis made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). The open meeting will resume at 6:44 pm in City Hall, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to come out of executive session at 6:44 pm, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss wages for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). The open meeting will resume at 6:47 pm, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to come out of executive session at 6:57 pm and to extend an additional 5 minutes, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:02 pm, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to approve raises for non-elected employees effective on December 28, 2025, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-

4319 (b) (1), Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:26 pm, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the bills as presented, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk