

Unapproved Minutes of the City of Dighton  
Regular Council Meeting held February 13, 2023

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in City Hall. Those present included: Council members Christine Birney-Carter, Craig Doris, Curtis Hanna, Marlene Rupp and Janet Shapland. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Bryan Kough, Deputy Knoll, Ardith Scammehorn, Steve Porter, Ben Wilkens, Cody Zimmerman, Superintendent Craig Collins and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Ben Wilkens and Cody Zimmerman with the Dighton Rec. Commission met with the council about possible water discount on the water bills for the ball diamonds.

Steve Porter reported that they are working on a tree trimming list and that the pole testers will be back at the end of the month to finish testing poles.

Fire chief Craig Collins reported that a Hazwhoppers Class was held on Saturday, February 11 and they had 19 attend.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that they've been having lots of issues with trucks breaking down. The water line at the pool is about done. Craig attended a ground water management meeting. Craig talked about when buildings are built or want to be built over city's water/sewer lines. After discussion it was decided that the customer must pay to have the line moved before building.

Sheriff Bryan Kough introduced new Deputy Knoll.

City Clerk Nikki Strobel reported that Trooper Tod with KHP will be here Thursday, February 16 for active shooter training.

Mayor Annita Lorimor reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> T-Bill will settle on February 14, 2023.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported that Dighton had 6 master gardeners and she would visit with them to see if they would be interested in caring for the mini parks and the 4-way. Councilwoman Janet mentioned that Lane-Scott Electric has grants available. Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported that Nikki had benefit statements done and that she would get with Nikki to go over them before the March 2023 council meeting.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp reported that Stephanie Wick will manage the pool again this summer and is wanting an add put in the newspaper about lifeguards.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter talked about inhabitable rentals in town, after discussion it was decided that nothing could be done until a written complaint was filed with the city.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to amend the agenda, adding Sunrise Village Executive Session to D. under new business and Dighton Rec. Commission to E. under new business. Councilwoman Janet Shapland wanted to add Lead and Copper Survey to D. under unfinished business. Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Panic buttons were discussed, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to accept the bid from Ness City Computer Service, LLC for 3 panic button and installation in the City Office, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

T-Bills will be tabled for March 13, 2023 meeting.

Discussion was held on the Historic Heritage Hotel and will be tabled until the March, 2023 council meeting.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that they have started going house to house with the survey for lead and copper and talking to customers and helping them fill out the survey or leaving the survey in their doors if they are not home.

Discussion was held on storm sirens.

Attorney Dale Pike reported that the petition filed on behalf of K & J Foods didn't comply with Kansas law.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss eviction notice at Sunrise Village pursuant to attorney client privilege. The open meeting will resume in 10 minutes at 6:59 pm. Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to come out of executive session and to go back into executive session for 5 more minutes, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:04 pm, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water bills for Dighton Rec. Commission, Mayor Annita Lorimor said she would get with Ben Wilkens.

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

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Annita Lorimor, Mayor

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Nicole Strobel, City Clerk