

Unapproved Minutes of the City of Dighton  
Regular Council Meeting held January 16, 2024

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmembers: Janet Shapland, Eric Steffens, Austin Bretz, Marlene Rupp and Craig Doris. Also, present were Attorney Dale Pike, Undersheriff Hailey Knoll, Superintendent Craig Collins and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

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

Undersheriff Hailey Knoll reported that Officer Travis Stephenson's last day will be January 19, 2024. They will be down to two officers and sheriff. They still have 24-hour coverage, but not 24-hour patrol.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported on the fire of the K & J Foods building. Hoses and nozzles will need to be replaced, but thankfully no injuries. He reported he will get with the owners and see about a time line from insurance. Superintendent Collins reported that First National Bank of Dighton donated \$1000.00 to the City of Dighton Fire Department.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that they were caught up with the sewer cleaning. He reported that he would like to send the 3 new employees to water and waste water classed. Consensus from the council was given. Superintendent Collins reported that repairs were made on the snow blower and will have to be looking at replacing. Superintendent Collins reported that side streets will not be cleaned by City of Dighton.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that there has been a lot of calls and complaints on the trash service. Many residents on the south side have not had pick up for 2 weeks. City Clerk Strobel reported an outstanding

repair bill from September has not been paid. She was advised to send a certified letter giving 30 days from receipt to be paid or bill be turned over for collections with past interest. Discussion was held on disconnects.

Mayor Annita Lorimor shared an email she received from Rebecca Swender, with Senator Marshall's office.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to amend the agenda, adding under new business G. Fan flush out kit for sewer truck; H. Snowblower; I. Disconnects, Councilman Steffens seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Superintendent Collins reported that they are gaining on the Lead and Copper Survey.

Discussion was held on consumption of alcohol on City property. Councilwoman Rupp made the motion not to allow alcohol at the Scout House, seconded by Councilman Doris, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on trash rates. Councilman Bretz made the motion to table one month, while Mayor Lorimor and Councilman Bretz will meet with County Commissioners and we are still waiting information from Gray County Trash Service, Councilwoman Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Bretz made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-1; GAAP Waiver, Councilman Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Net metering Ordinance #664 will be tabled until the February meeting.

Downtown Christmas decorations were discussed. Consensus was to keep what we have.

Councilman Steffens made a motion to change signature cards held at First National Bank to have the following signers:

City of Dighton Checking, MMDA, and City of Dighton Housing Rehabilitation Account – Annita Lorimor, Craig Doris, Janet Shapland, Marlene “Charlie” Rupp, Austin Bretz, Eric Steffens, Nicole Strobel and Michelle Wilkison

City of Dighton Housing Authority Accounts and FMHA Reserve Account – Ardith Scammehorn, Kasey Jacobs, Janet Shapland, Craig Doris, Nicole Strobel and Michelle Wilkison.

City of Dighton Fire Department – Craig Collins, Nicole Strobel, Michelle Wilkison and Craig Doris

City of Dighton AFLAC Account – Nicole Strobel, Michelle Wilkison, Annita Lorimor and Craig Doris

Municipal Court Account – Jacob Gayer, Nicole Strobel, Michelle Wilkison and Craig Doris

City of Dighton/Water Protection Plan – Craig Doris, Nicole Strobel, Michelle Wilkison

Councilwoman Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Bretz made the motion to do away with Covid leave, Councilwoman Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing a flush out kit for the new sewer truck. Councilman Bretz made the motion to purchase a flush out kit, Councilwoman Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Bretz made the motion to purchase a new snowblower for the bobcat, Councilwoman Rupp seconded, after discussion Councilman Bretz amended his motion to purchase a new snowblower for the

bobcat and sell the old one on Purple Wave, agreement and seconded by Councilwoman Rupp, yeas by all, motion carried.

Disconnects for the month of January, 2024 was discussed. Councilwoman Shapland made the motion to not disconnect residents for the month of January, 2024 due to weather and concerns for our citizens, Councilman Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion on presentation of bills was held and Councilman Steffens made the motion to have the Scout House cleaned only as needed, seconded by Councilman Bretz, yeas by all, motion carried.

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

Councilman Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Annita Lorimor, Mayor

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Nicole Strobel, City Clerk