

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton  
Regular Council Meeting held on July 14, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present were Janet Shapland, Marlene Rupp, Erik Steffens, Craig Doris and Austin Bretz. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Municipal Judge Jacob Gayer, Judge Tom Bennett, Sheriff Ron Ridley, Dustin Henggeler with SAM (Surveying and Mapping), Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Justice Rios and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to amend the minutes from the June 9, 2025, meeting. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to approve the agenda with the correction to the minutes, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Ridley reported that overall the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend went well with very few firework complaints. Sheriff Ridley stated that they are fully staffed.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that street sealing was moved up one week and will start tomorrow.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that a 30-day notice is required if going to cancel with gWorks software. Clerk Strobel presented TextMy Gove Licensing Solution Portal to the council.

Deputy Clerk Justice Rios reported that financials were in the packet.

Councilman Erik Steffens reported that we have a T-Bill and CD coming up for renewal. Discussion was held on the chemical spill at Garden City Coop.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland mentioned the new benches around the pickleball court. The benches were donated by James and Annita Lorimor. Discussion was held about the tree at the 4-way. Will wait till spring to plant a new tree.

Councilman Craig Doris reported that Susan Wilson informed him that her mother had received a baby changing table by mistake from Amazon and they

told her to keep it and was wondering if it would be possible to have it installed in the women's restroom at the pool. The council agreed that would be a great idea. Superintendent Collins said they would install it this coming winter. Councilman Doris also reported that the pool has been closing at 5 pm if there are not many swimmers. It was discussed that a lot of compliments have been received on the pool this summer.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to add item G under new business, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Dustin Henggeler with SAM presented mapping software to the city council and talked about the benefits it would have for the city.

Implementation of Ordinance #726 was discussed. Councilman Criag Doris made the motion to pay City Prosecutor \$600 per month, Municipal Judge \$200 per month, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Municipal Judge Jacob Gayer turned in his resignation as Municipal Judge.

Councilman Austin Bretz approved the appointment of Jacob Gayer as City Prosector, Tom Bennett as Municipal Judge, Councilman Eric Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Software for the city was discussed; Nikki will call around to cities of about the same size as Dighton to get information on software that they are using. Will be tabled until next month.

Capital Improvement Fund was funded in budget.

Ordinance #698 Solicitors, Canvassers, Peddlers and Food Trucks or Trailers was discussed. Consensus was that any food truck that comes into the city will fill out the application and may request waiver of fee.

Discussion was held on the shred event that was held back in June.

Discussion was held on the complaint that was received of pile of black posts south of the old Stephens Lumber Company.

Discussion was held on the issue of bills being paid after the council meeting getting lost in the mail and not being received. We will try using ACH as often as possible to pay bills.

Sensus Software was discussed, Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to go with the proposal from Core and Main meter reading for one year for \$4178.57, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to send letter to Kansas State Treasurer to request early payoff of General Obligation Bonds Series 2015, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the audit, Councilman Eric Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes under the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The open meeting will resume in 5 minutes at 7:17 pm Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes under the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The open meeting will resume in 5 minutes at 7:22 pm, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all motion carried.


Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the bills as presented, Councilman Craig Doris 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 7:24 pm.



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Annita Lorimor, Mayor



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Nicole Strobel, City Clerk