

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Council Meeting held June 10, 2024

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmembers: Craig Doris, Marlene Rupp, Austin Bretz, Erik Steffens and Janet Shapland. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ridley, Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilkison and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

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

Sheriff Ridley reported that he placed a call to the Fire Marshall and is waiting on a return call. They are still shorthanded and he is possibly looking at a hiring incentive.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that Stephanie Wick, Pool Manager hired an adult to be available temporarily when her and the assistant pool manager are gone and was wondering on salary. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to pay \$13 an hour for temporary pool help, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all motion carried. City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she became aware that Dollar General offers a charged sales account that would be tax exempt for supplies purchased. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to apply for the Dollar General charge account and 2 cards for City Superintendent and City Clerk, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she is having problems with her computer, it is not updating and she was unable to send reports to the auditors before the audit. She will get a bid from Ness City Computer Service.

Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilkison reported that she had heard back from Northend Disposal on who they bill for residential for an additional trash cart. After discussion, Councilman Craig Doris made the motion that as of August billing, any residences with additional trash dumpsters will be charged at current rate for each dumpster, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilkison reported that she applied for a grant for streetlights and was granted \$43,468.85 for LED bulbs and wiring to switch out street lights.

Mayor Annita Lorimor reported that CD's will be up on July 18, 2024.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland talked about City of Dighton having a booth at the Lane County Fair. She asked that Nikki and Michelle put something together.

Councilman Erik Steffens reported that he was approached about the truck parking in town. Discussion was held about possible place to accommodate truck parking in town.

Councilman Craig Doris discussed that Steve Porter with KMEA has someone who would be willing to talk to council about our Solar Ordinance.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to amend the agenda adding D. EG America to unfinished business and B. County Road 155 and C. Wind Farm to new business, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on donating to Western Kansas Child Advocacy. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to not donate this year to Western Kansas Child Advocacy, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Law Enforcement Services contract. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the 2025 Law Enforcement Services contract for \$148,500.00, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the debris at K & J Foods. We are waiting on insurance and ongoing investigations.

Attorney Dale Pike reported that he had communications with E.G. America pertaining to an outstanding bill, they will have the check in the mail on June 15, 2024.

Discussion was held on insurance claim and bids and was tabled.

Speed limit and children at play was discussed on County Road 155. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to purchase 2 Slow Children Playing signs and place at end of city limits, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on County handling of any applications for wind farms. Discussion was held on how to safe guard the city infrastructure due to truck traffic with wind farm project.

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

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

