

## Official Minutes of the City of Dighton

### Regular Council Meeting held April 11, 2022

Council President Christine Birney-Carter called the regularly scheduled meeting to order on April 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Those present included: Council members Craig Doris, Curtis Hanna, Janet Shapland, Marlene Rupp, & Christine Birney-Carter. Also present were Bryan Kough, Lane Co. Sherriff, Lucretia Holterman with Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, Crystal Hoffman with Lane Co. Eco. Devo/Chamber, KMEA consisting of; Steven Porter, Gerry Bieker, Daniel White, Mike Schmaderer, Paul Mahlberg, & Tyson McGreer, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Nikki Strobel, and City Clerk Chelle Anderson. Mayor Annita Lorimor joined the meeting by telephone. City Attorney Dale Pike joined the meeting at 5:42pm.

Councilman Hanna made the motion to approve the consent agenda as printed, Councilman Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Council President Birney-Carter asked for visitors. Lucretia Holterman with Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC) met with Council to explain what WKCAC does for the young people in our community. In 2021 WKCAC help 12 children in Lane County. This year WKCAC is asking for a donation of \$3,000.00. Discussion was held & Lucretia Holterman left the meeting at 5:37pm.

Crystal Hoffman with Lane Co. Economic Development met with Council to discuss the membership drive that several people attended. Hoffman discussed the Kickoff to Summer event that will be held June 18, 2022. Hoffman would like free use of the swimming pool, the Scout House for Easter activities & June Jaunt. Hoffman also would like to have the first ½ block of S. Lane Street blocked at the Community Center. Birney-Carter made the motion to allow Lane Co. Eco. Devo/Chamber to close off the 1st half of Delaware, Shapland seconded, discussion was held, yeas by all. Hoffman left at 5:40pm. City Attorney Dale Pike joined the at 5:42pm.

The employees of KMEA met with Council to go over electrical issues. They reported that they feel like everything was really going well.

Fire Chief Craig Collins met with Council to give the fire report. The firemen will be doing a training at the old landfill soon.

City Superintendent Craig Collins reported to the Council that after the inspection on the inside of the big water tower, it is going to need to be repainted before too long. Collins also discussed the EMC Insurance renewal. Collins said that none of our electrical tools or materials, new sewer truck, sewer fence, or the water wells were on the policy. Shapland made the motion to pay the new balance of \$60,599.00 to Rodenbeek & Green Agency for the change in policy, Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland discussed giving a compensation statement to employees at the end of the year showing them how much they make even after their payroll. Shapland has asked Chelle to start doing quarterly reports, as well as a compensation list, that will include comp time, sick leave,

vacation, etc. Shapland stated that she would like to look at the annual reports & quarterly reports when they are completed. Discussion was held on loss of franchise fees as well as bills that were paid out of previous year expenses.

Councilman Hanna stated that we need to get new basketball nets for in the park.

Councilman Doris stated he will be attending a KMEA meeting in Garden City tomorrow & that KMEA came this evening to meet the new Council members.

Councilwoman Birney-Carter discussed making a poll on Facebook about the bulb outs. Birney-Carter also stated that we need to see the original contract to answer some questions.

President Birney-Carter asked for amendments to the agenda. Add under new business item H.) Western Kansas Child Advocacy donation and I.) Chamber membership, Hanna made the motion to accept the agenda as amended, Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Birney-Carter asked for unfinished business. Gerry Bieker with KMEA met with Council to discuss our contract. Paul Mahlberg thanked the Council for taking the leap of faith & going with KMEA. Steven Porter met with Council to discuss what work has been done since KMEA came to Dighton. Gerry Bieker, Paul Mahlberg, Mike Schmaderer & Steven Porter explained what all KMEA does for the City of Dighton.

The Court Management software was discussed. Jacob Gayer joined the meeting at 6:27pm. City Attorney Dale Pike does not have much of an opinion on what happens but stated it will be up to Jacob Gayer to decide. Dale Pike, Jacob Gayer & Bryan Kough discussed tickets. Jacob discussed court reporting & that he will probably need a new laptop. Doris made the motion to table until the regular May meeting, Shapland seconded, motion carried.

City Attorney Dale Pike discussed the electric work at Dollar General. Pike stated that the new owners/attorney have requested another copy of the paperwork as they have lost the first one.

Discussion was held on the trash pickup. Birney-Carter stated that she has spoken to Hershel in the Wichita office & he has agreed that putting stickers on business dumpsters for Northend Disposal is not our job.

Discussion was held on the generator bids that City Superintendent Collins brought to this meeting. He stated that he was only able to obtain 1 bid. Discussion was held on whether it should be a portable unit or a built-in unit. Hanna made the motion to use ARPA funds to purchase a generator from Naber'Hood Electric in Kinsley, KS for \$9,704.00, Doris seconded, discussion was held, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the revised employee handbook. Clerk Anderson is working on it, but it takes time to combine our old book with the new revisions. The Council would like a hard copy done for the May meeting.

Birney-Carter discussed the cost of email accounts from S&T Telephone stating the cost would be \$2.50 per month. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve 4 emails for City Council members, Marlene Rupp seconded, discussion was held, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the downtown bulb-outs. Birney-Carter stated that there are different interpretations on what to do with the bulb-outs. At 7:05pm Council moved outside to look at the bulb-outs in front of City Hall. Sherriff Bryan Kough left the meeting at 7:05pm. Council returned the meeting back into City Hall at 7:09pm. The Council members agree the easiest thing to do is fill them with concrete due to irrigation problems and poor growing conditions. The Council is going to see what they can find out from a poll asking what the public would like to see happen with the bulb-outs after first looking at the original contract. The Council also thinks that it would be nice to have some input from the businesses concerning the flowerpots. Councilwoman Shapland will go & speak to the business owners & get their thoughts.

Birney-Carter asked for new business. Discussion was held on nominations for KMEA Board of Directors position #2 & an alternate. Shapland made the motion to add Craig Doris as Director #2 & Curtis Hanna as the alternate, Birney-Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion was held, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the pole testing bid that was received. Steven Porter discussed the bid for pole inspecting & that it also includes numbering the poles & a map with the poles on it. Porter also explained changing the voltage & why the city would do it. Birney-Carter made the motion to do ½ of the poles, Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Marlene Rupp abstained.

City Superintendent Collins discussed painting the shed at the shop for a cost of \$21,000.00. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on the waste tire mulch grant. Collins stated that they will have to go & clean out the mulch in all 3 play areas, do some tree trimming/removal.

City Superintendent Craig Collins discussed nozzles for the new sewer truck as well as headsets. Collins would like to order an additional set of nozzles for \$2,675.00, for the new sewer truck since the one we have isn't for regular maintenance. Collins also spoke to the Council about ordering new headsets for the city maintenance employees. Collins stated these would help the crew to communicate when working in loud conditions. The cost of the headsets is \$925.00 each & Collins would like to start with at least 3 or 4. Council would like for Craig to get more bids on both nozzles & headsets & bring them to the next meeting. This discussion was tabled until May.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk at 221 N. Main. This was tabled until May.

Councilman Hanna made the motion to donate \$3,000.00 to Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center for 2022, Birney-Carter seconded, discussion was held, yeas by Christine Birney-Carter, Curtis Hanna, Marlene Rupp, & Craig Doris, nay by Janet Shapland, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to become Lane Co. Eco. Devo/Chamber members, Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Presentation of bills to pay. Doris made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Shapland seconded, discussion was held, yeas by all, motion carried.

Birney-Carter made the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for attorney/client consultation, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 8:45pm in City Hall, Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Shapland made the motion to extend the original executive session by 15 minutes, Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Doris made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:00pm, Shapland 2<sup>nd</sup>, yeas by all, motion carried. No action was taken.

There being no other business to come before Council, Doris made the motion to adjourn, Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

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Christine Birney-Carter, Council President

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Chelle J. Anderson, City Clerk