

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present were Craig Doris, Erik Steffens and Austin Bretz. Also, present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ron Ridley, Shawna Kerley, Crystal Hoffman, Shirley Luck, Robert Mudd, Jacob Gayer, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Justice Rios and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Crystal Hoffman announced she was stepping down and introduced her replacement, Shirley Luck. She reported that Shirley will take over January 1, 2026. Halloween parade will be on Friday, October 31 at 5:30 pm. Christmas celebration will be Saturday December 6, 2025.

Sheriff Ridley reported that they have been working on a couple of dog cases. Working on a possible vaccination clinic at the same time as pet registration.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that at their next meeting they will practice vehicle extrication.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that Casey Venters has asked him if the alley behind the new grocery store could be closed for 1-3 weeks during construction. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to temporarily shut down the alley for 30 days for construction, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she had received an email from Northend Disposal that changing technology with their dump trucks they can't dump old carts and will be getting carts updated to tall blue carts. Health insurance rates will go up 9.9% in 2026. City Clerk Nicole Strobel said that she was looking at council meeting dates for 2026, and she has a conflict with the June date, consensus was to have the June city council meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. City Clerk Strobel asked the council how they wanted to deal with bills for coming in for electrical on the new grocery store. After discussion, the city will pay the bill and bill the grocery store ½ of the bill as they come in.

Deputy Clerk Justice Rios reported that while paying the September bills an account for Midwest Energy was missed; after contacting Midwest Energy it will be paid with the October bills.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to table pool review January, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

After discussion on tree trimming, Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to table until the November meeting, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on notice and demand for abatement at 244 East Long. Council Austin Bretz made the motion to give until November 1, 2025 to finish cleaning hotel, if not cleaned, to hire an outside company on November 2, 2025, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Prosecuting Attorney Jacob Gayer reported there were 22 cases in 2023, 7 cases in 2024 and 23 cases since June 2025.

Shawna Kerley, Administrative Assistant of Sheriff's office presented a Proclamation for Red Ribbon week, October 23 – 31. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to sign the Proclamation, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the bid from Ness City Computer for HP Color Laserjet Pro Printer with toners, new PC for front counter and update on deputy clerk computer, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to approve the bills as presented, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor
City Clerk

Nicole Strobel,

