

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present were Marlene Rupp, Janet Shapland, Craig Doris, Erik Steffens and Austin Bretz. Also, present were Attorney Dale Pike, Robert Mudd, Sheriff Ridley, Vicky Perez, Kerin Dallas, Aimee Baker, Superintendent Craig Collins and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

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

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that he talked to Salida tree trimming and the cost to trim trees around power lines would run around \$120,000 every 5 years. Superintendent Collins will look for other companies and bids.

Collins reported that they had a main break which started out as a small leak and ended up with whole pipe breaking during the process of patching. Collins talked to the council about the motion taken at the June 10, 2024 meeting concerning residents with 2 dumpsters being charged at the current rate for each additional dumpster.

Aimee Baker grant writer from Wichita county, talked to the board about the \$8 million water grant the cities of Leoti, Tribune, Sharon Springs, Horace and Dighton are working on together. Aimee Baker said that she would help with Dighton's share of the grant writing and reporting for \$50 per hour. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to hire Aimee Baker to do Dighton's part in the Technical Assistance grant and grant writing, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Sheriff Ridley reported things are going well. Sheriff Ridley reported that they will work on the golf cart permits that are not getting renewed yearly.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that the bond had been paid off and that the street light grant was finished.

Mayor Annita Lorimor reported that she was approached about fireworks being shot off at home football games. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to allow for fireworks to be shot off after touchdowns at home

football games, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Mayor Annita Lorimor welcomed her guests, Vicky Perez and Kerin Dallas from New Zealand.

Councilman Craig Doris stated he is still reviewing the pool review list.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to amend the agenda by adding item E. Resolution #2025-4 and item F. Executive Session under new business, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Mapping software from SAM was discussed again. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to purchase SAMS Mapping, Councilman Criag Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Office software was discussed and was tabled until December meeting.

Pool review was discussed and tabled.

Electronic payments being made through the bank was discussed, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to have the FNB pay the following vendors: KMEA; KS One-Call; and Compliance One electronically through the operating account monthly, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Complaint at 244 E. Long was discussed. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion for the city attorney to send a 10-day notice, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-3 Kansas Homeland Security Region D Hazard Mitigation was discussed, Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to pass Resolution 2025-3, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to pass Resolution 2025-4 Disclaim Control of Operation of Airport Located in Lane County, KS, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel matters pursuant to, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

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

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor
City Clerk

Nicole Strobel,