

Unapproved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Council Meeting held February 12, 2024

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Those present included: Councilmembers: Craig Doris, Marlene Rupp, Austin Bretz, Erik Steffens and Janet Shapland. Also, present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ronald Ridley, Crystal Hoffman, Randy Evans and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

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

Crystal Hoffman presented Community Event Dates to the council and asked permission to use the City Park. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to allow Eco Devo/Chamber to use the city park for Easter and Kick off to Summer, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Crystal also talked about Moeder's Meats coming to Dighton on Thursday afternoons for fresh meat. Also, White's Foodliner from Scott City will have a refrigerated food truck coming to Dighton to deliver preordered items.

Randy Evans met with council about the need to make our community thrive instead of survive. He talked about different ideas to attract new businesses and residents. Randy also presented a study he put together of electrical rates of surrounding cities compared to Dighton's.

Sheriff Ridley reported things are going pretty well with the new dispatch service. He reported that they are looking for full time help. They have staffed with himself, 2 full time deputies and several parttime employees. They are behind on updates and other things and are working to get caught up.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that Northend Disposal credited City of Dighton \$350.00 for pickups missed in January. City Clerk Strobel reported that gWorks had reached out and was ready to implement HR Hub with our software from January of 2022. Discussion was held and gWorks HR Hub will be placed on the agenda for March. Bids were presented for a new printer for the office and after discussion it was decided to continue using the one, we have.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland shared information she had on Lane-Scott Electric community grant. Councilwoman Shapland shared information on the grocery store in Mineola, Ks that they are a Coop owned store and anyone interested was welcome to sit through one of their meetings for more information.

Councilman Erik Steffens reported that he had received a call from a citizen about their trash not being dumped.

Councilman Austin Bretz will reach out to Stephanie Wick to start working on pool opening.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to table Lead and Copper Survey, Net Metering and Sand Spreader and truck until the March meeting, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda adding K & J property to new business under item C, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on trash rates. City received a \$350 credit from Northend Disposal upon receiving a letter from the City of Dighton. Unfortunately, we don't know who was picked up or missed. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to lower the trash rates from

\$16.50 to \$15.50 per month, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

K & J property was discussed. Fence has been placed around the debris. Superintendent Craig Collins has been in contact with the Insurance Company and not getting answers to his questions. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to follow through with Resolution 2024-1, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with Mayor and Council. The open meeting will resume at 7:12 pm, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. City Clerk Nicole Strobel was called in at 7:09 pm. City Clerk Nicole Strobel was instructed to follow funeral leave as per handbook.

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

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk