

Unapproved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Council Meeting held December 11, 2023

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in City Hall. Those present included: Councilmembers: Janet Shapland, Marlene Rupp, Craig Doris and Christine Birney-Carter. Also, present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ron Ridley, Austin Bretz, A.G. Turner, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Michelle Wilkison and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the agenda with correction to the minutes reading: Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to give employees Tuesday, December 26, 2023 off for Christmas, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Ridley introduced himself to the Council. He reported that they are working on the dispatch consolidation. He stated they will continue to work the city on ordinances. Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter asked Sheriff Ridley how many deputies employed. Sheriff Ridley stated there are supposed to be 5 fulltime employees which include the Sheriff, Undersheriff and 3 full time deputies. Currently there are 2 positions open. Sheriff Ridley told Council his door is always open and if there are any concerns to please take them to him.

Steve Porter with KMEA reported that he has answered quite a few questions on solar power. Discussion was held on the current ordinance. This will be added to the January 2024 agenda.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that an electrical safety and overhead line demo was being held tonight provided by Lane-Scott Electric. Foam was purchased and the cost will be split with the county.

Superintendent Craig Collins said he talked to Jon Haag about his building and he is still waiting. Superintendent Collins reported that he called Jones Construction and he stated that it is still on his list. Currently working on cleaning sewer lines. Superintendent Collins talked to the council about the yard at 105 S. 3rd.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel presented the council with the information received from her meeting with Sunflower Electric Economic Development.

Deputy Michelle Wilkison stated that we are waiting on titles for the new pickup and sewer truck.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp reported that the City Park looks good.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to designate Dighton Herald as the official newspaper for reporting, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Bids for transformers were discussed. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to purchase 15 KVA 25's and 3 KVA 50's from Sunbelt Solomon, if price exceeds original bid by 10% or more to contact the mayor, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Bids for poles were discussed. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to purchase poles from American Timber and Steel with a quotation total of \$22,794.00, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported he is still working on the Lead and Copper Survey, but not getting many call backs.

Consumption of alcohol on city property was discussed and City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that she talked to Everett Green concerning insurance. It was decided to table until January, 2024 meeting and City Clerk Nicole Strobel will get the county's policy for the 4-H building.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to appoint Craig Doris and Travis Cartmill to a 2-year term to the City/County Joint Planning Commission, and to appoint Craig Doris to a 2-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all motion carried.

2024 City Council meeting dates were discussed. Consensus is to change the January meeting date from January 8, 2024 to Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Discussion was held on trash rates and will be tabled until the January 2024 council meeting.

Consensus is to continue Lane County Dollars for each employee for \$100.00.

Parking signs were discussed. City will not take any action.

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

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to adjourn, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk