

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Council Meeting held on February 10, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmember: Janet Shapland, Erik Steffens, Austin Bretz, Marlene Rupp, and Craig Doris. Also present were Crystal Hoffman, Alberto Chavarria, Sheriff Ridley, Attorney Dale Pike, Steve Porter, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy City Justice Rios, and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Crystal Hoffman gave an update on the All-School-Reunion, May 23-25 and asked permission for free night swimming on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. She also asked for permission to close the street in front of the Scout house on Saturday, May 24. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to allow the street in front of the Scout house to be blocked off and to have free night swimming on Friday, May 23 and free swimming on May 24, Saturday afternoon, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Ridley updated the council that they are still looking for help. School crosswalks were discussed.

Steve Porter with KMEA reported that they are working on installing streetlights from the EECBG grant we received.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that they received an estimate on SCAB bottles, and they will go to the Foundation Board.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that he hired a new employee.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel presented to the council information she had received from TextMyGov, a company that provides text-based services. After discussion Nicole will reach out to some of the cities around that use them for recommendations and report back to the council.

Mayor Annita Lorimor said she visited with some of the downtown businesses about ice and snow removal on the sidewalks in front of their business.

Councilman Erik Steffens held discussion on the Heritage Hotel.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp stated that she visited with Superintendent Craig Collins, and they will drive around town and prepare a list of sidewalks and gutters that need repair.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported that some trees have been removed from the park.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda to move item D to A and A to D and the rest down under old business, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on 315 S. High Street. Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to give the new owner 120 days to continue with repairs. They will revisit on the June 9, 2025, council meeting, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Finding a dog kennel was discussed and Councilman Craig Doris said there might be an option of using Dale Hemel's. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to table until the March meeting, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion passed.

Grant discussion was held, no action was taken.

Discussion was held on Municipal Court and will be tabled until the April, 2025 meeting.

The council looked over the following trailer bids: PJ Trailers - \$9224.46; S & S Trailers - \$13,200.00; Advantage Glass Plus - \$8200.00 and Bretz Inc. - \$12,400.00. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to purchase the Top Hat Deckover trailer from Advantage Glass Plus for \$8200.00, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to approve GAAP Resolution 2025-1, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water bill at 420 N. Central. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion that the water bill at 420 N. Central must be paid, as water went through the meter at some point, Councilman Austin Bretz seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The council suggested letting them know we would take regular payments.

Inoperable vehicles were discussed and complaints looked at. Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion to waive the inoperable non-compliance fees since proof

of tag at the time was provided, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Adds for pool manager and lifeguards were advertised in the Dighton Herald and on Facebook.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to appoint Craig Collins as Director-1; Craig Doris as Director-2 and Austin Bretz as Alternate for KMEA Board Directors, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that the non-compliant advertising on official sign was taken care of.

After much discussion, Councilman Austin Bretz made the motion since owners of land did not show cause for why we should not proceed, that we move forward with cleanup of K & J, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve bills as presented, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk