

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton
Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those in attendance were Marlene Rupp, Janet Shapland, Erik Steffens and Craig Doris. Also present were Attorney Dale Pike, Sheriff Ronald Ridley, Shirley Luck, Henry Morrow, Lisa Ward, Makayla Mudd, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy Clerk Justice Rios and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

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

City Clerk Nicole Strobel swore in the new Mayor and returning Council members.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to move the signing of signature cards for FNB of Dighton following the swearing in of new mayor and council members, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to sign new signature cards for the following accounts held at FNB of Dighton: City of Dighton Checking; MMA, AFLAC and City of Dighton Housing Rehabilitation Account, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Shirley Luck new Eco Devo/Chamber director presented the mayor with a letter requesting funds for support for 2026.

Sheriff Ronald Ridley reported about an unusual incident at the city park involving non-residents regarding wildlife.

Henry Morrow with KMEA discussed the Christmas wraps and decorations on light poles downtown.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that mandatory 165 point checks will need to be done on fire truck every year.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that Core and Main will be here at the end of January to update new meter reading software. We will need to have a Samsung Galaxy tablet for the new software. A recent inspection of the water and wastewater was done and everything passed inspection.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that they are getting ready to shred city records that are passing the retention policy. She reported that the current shredder won't keep up with the number of records to be shredded. Discussion was held and she will get a hold of UV&S out of Hutchinson to drop off 2 totes for records and will later be picked up for shredding.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda by adding 8c to new business, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recent tree trimming done around town.

Discussion was held on the dog ordinance and will be tabled until the February meeting.

Discussion was held on Historic Hotel. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion that all utility bills will need to be paid in full with a cashier's check or money wired to the bank before utilities will be turned on, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the usage of sewer truck for work other than city. Insurance will not cover any usage except for city work.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to pass GAAP Resolution 2026-1, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Request from EcoDevo/Chamber was discussed and will be tabled until the February meeting.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to recess into executive session with Council, Mayor and City Clerk Nicole Strobel to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1), Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

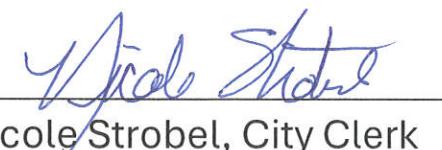
Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to come out of executive session at 6:54 pm, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the bills as presented, Councilman Craig Doris 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 6:57 pm.



Robert E. Mudd, Mayor



Nicole Strobel, City Clerk