

## Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Council Meeting held on January 6, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmember: Janet Shapland, Erik Steffens and Marlene Rupp. Also present were Crystal Hoffman, Attorney Dale Pike, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy City Clerk Justice Rios, and City Clerk Nicole Strobel. Municipal Judge Jacob Gayer joined the meeting at 6 pm.

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

Crystal Hoffman met with the council to discuss upcoming activities. Easter activities will be on April 19, 2025, and Kick off to Summer and All School Reunion will be May 23-25, 2025.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that fire meetings are better with younger members inputting more. Will need to be getting new air packs for fire department.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that he talked to Wharton's in Garden City concerning trees for the city park. Superintendent Collins reported that to receive state federal funding our water rates will need to be \$45 to \$47.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that at the last meeting she attended in McPherson discussion was held on adequate rates. City Clerk Strobel presented information on KanCap, a short course for city council regarding water information. Council advised City Clerk Nicole Strobel to try to set up a date for a workshop with KanCap. City Clerk Strobel gave update on gWorks software. City Clerk Strobel mentioned that some of the sidewalks downtown hadn't been cleared of snow/ice from the winter storm. Code states that snow or ice is to be removed within 12 hours from the time that the snow fall or ice storm ceases.

Deputy Clerk Justice Barton reported that cash reports for bank accounts were in the packet.

Mayor Annita Lorimor switched up Council committees as follows:

Finance Commissioner: Erik Steffens

Streets and Alley Commissioner: Marlene Rupp

Park Commissioner: Janet Shapland

Utilities Commissioner: Austin Bretz

Pool Commissioner: Craig Doris

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported still looking at ways to fund Capital Improvement Funds.

Councilman Erik Steffens asked Superintendent Craig Collins about the ramp leading to the pool if it would be completed before All School Reunion.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to table municipal court until more details can be worked out, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to table dog kennel until the February meeting, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to table grants until the February meeting, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve updates made to the Employee Handbook, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins talked to the council about not having a trailer big enough to support the bobcat and snow blower when they need to be hauled for repairs. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to direct Craig to rent trailer and truck to get snowblower to Garden City for repairs before next snow at \$5 per loaded mile, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Superintendent Craig Collins presented bids to the council for seeding the city park:

GAS Lawn Pros LLC – hydroseeding - \$6400.00

T & T Landscaping – Overseed park - \$6273.40  
L & R Lawn Care & Supply – overseed and drill - \$5951.50  
Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to accept the bid of \$6400.00 from GAS Lawn Pros LLC for hydroseeding the park, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to have Superintendent Craig Collins serve Notice of Designation of Dangerous and Unfit Dwelling to owner of 315 S. High, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to order a second monitor for Nikki and Justices' desks, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the panic alarm in the city office and needs to be tested to see if dispatch in Dodge gets notified.

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

Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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Annita Lorimor, Mayor  
Clerk

Nicole Strobel, City