

Approved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Council Meeting held November 13, 2023

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in City Hall. Those present included: Council members: Christine Birney-Carter, Craig Doris, Curtis Hanna, Marlene Rupp and Janet Shapland. Also present were Richard McLeon with Lane-Scott Electric, Erica Schmidt with Sunflower Electric, Crystal Hoffman, Rod Sculley, Officer Hailey Knoll, Vince Deason with Key Equipment, Eric Steffens, Steve Porter, Superintendent Craig Collins and City Clerk Nicole Strobel.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Crystal Hoffman with Lane County Chamber/Eco Devo reported Downtown Christmas will be Saturday, December 2, 2023. The first block of South Lane will be blocked off.

Rod Sculley stated that he had attended the cemetery board meeting Monday morning and had questions regarding why the cemetery was not funded by the city, only the county.

Acting Sheriff/Undersheriff Hailey Knoll reported on the deficiency report on the evidence room of the Sheriff's Office. She also reported that the Administrative Assistant has resigned. She suspected a change in staffing due to an officer running for sheriff. That would leave 2 full time deputies. Dispatch for Lane County was signed over to Dodge City as of Monday morning.

Steve Porter with KMEA had several quotes for council to look over for transformers and poles. This will be tabled until the December council meeting.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that they will have a training at the next fire meeting.

Superintendent Craig Collins went over complaints with the council. Craig reported that the sewers need ran as it's been almost a year since they had been done. Craig had quotes for renting a sewer truck, but truck is unavailable until

late December. Vince Deason with Key Equipment went over the rental quote and the proposal summary for a new Sewer Truck.

City Clerk reported that Christmas days off had been going around the list serve and that most cities were allowing for employees to have Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 off for Christmas. Monday, January 1, 2024 will be the only day off for New Year's. 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.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter reported that the website www.dightonks.com has been discontinued and the only website for the City of Dighton will be www.dightonkansas.com.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to amend the agenda, moving Lane-Scott Electric to #7 Executive Session and move the remaining items on the agenda down, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all motion carried. After discussion Councilwoman Janet Shapland made motion to resend the Executive Session.

Richard McLeon with Lane-Scott Electric discussed with the council what Lane-Scott offers and the areas they service. He then introduced Erica Schmidt with Sunflower Electric. Erica went over the information that was given to the council in October of 2021 and reminded them that the current contract expires in December of 2024. She also said that Sunflower Electric has an Economic Development Program and would have them reach out to the city clerk with more information pertaining to this.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported he has been calling residences to obtain the information needed for the Lead and Copper Survey. He reported that he will have an employee that will be on restricted duties for awhile and he will help him with the calling.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of consulting with an attorney for 10 minutes. Such session is necessary for Risk Management matters. Craig Collins, Nicole Strobel and Erik Steffens were asked to stay. The open meeting will resume at 7:03 pm in City Hall,

Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to come out of executive session and to extend an additional 5 minutes, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter seconded. Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:08 pm, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Inoperable vehicles were discussed and included trailers being parked in alleys. Councilwoman Janet Shapland volunteered to talk to the owners of the trailer in the alley.

Consumption of alcohol on City property was discussed and Attorney Dale Pike advised contacting the City's Insurance Company about rates for alcohol being allowed on City property. This discussion will be tabled until December meeting.

Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter made the motion to pass Ordinance # 718, Councilman Craig Doris seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Ordinance # 697 Rules and Regulations concerning management & operations of the electrical system of distribution of the City of Dighton was discussed and will stay the same.

Proposal for 2100i Sewer Cleaner Truck was held and tabled until answers to questions that were discussed could be answered.

Lane-Scott Electric Capital Credits will be taken by check.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve presentation of bills, Councilwoman Christine Birney-Carter seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Councilman Craig Doris made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Annita Lorimor, Mayor

Nicole Strobel, City Clerk