

CITY OF DONIPHAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 11th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council met in regular session at 110 N. Grand Avenue, at the above-mentioned time and date with the following members of the council present: Mayor Dennis Cox. City Attorney Chris Miller & City Clerk Marti Porter. Council members present: Steve Collins, Leslie Netherland & Denver Jackson; Absent: Alderwoman Timms.

Others present were: Police Chief Mark Rodgers, Utilities Director Jarret Ficke, Treasurer Chasity Mathis, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Greg Crain & Collector Kim Cannon. Visitors were: Debra Tune with Prospect News, Officer Vaillancourt with DPD, Stephen Murphy, Logan Geraldts & Richard Joyner.

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order. The Council reviewed the minutes of the July 7th minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Collins to approve minute. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Alderwoman Netherland to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson. All in favor- motion carried.

Old Business

First old business on the agenda was employee benefits. Mayor Cox tables this discussion for the next meeting. Alderman Collins made a motion to table this discussion. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor- motion carried.

Lastly for old business was the purchase of the fire truck. Fire Chief Greg Crain states that he has found a fire truck in North Carolina. He states it is a 1997 Freightliner. Videos and pictures have been sent by the seller. Greg states that Sam Griffin has offered to fly him to North Carolina to view it in person. Alderman Jackson made a motion to have Sam Griffin fly Greg to North Carolina to view the truck. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor- motion carried.

New Business

First new business was the bid opening for soccer shirts. Four bids were received. Kalci Soccer at \$10.00/shirt, NG Signs and Apparel at \$12.00/shirt (\$15.00 for larger than an XL), Empire Printing starting at \$7.09/shirt and going up depending on size and lastly is RZ Jersey Sports Wear LLC for \$9.00/shirt. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve the bid from NG Signs and Apparel. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor- motion carried.

City Treasurer Chasity Mathis states that we will need to think about increasing the player participation fee for next year's ball and soccer season due to increased price in shirts and repairs.

Next for new business was the approval of the Doniphan Warning Sirens Bid. Three bids were received and they were as follows:

Mobile Communications \$163,570.00 with a completion time of 168 days after notice to proceed

Outdoor Warning Consulting, LLC \$127,090.00 with a completion time of 119 days after notice to proceed

Alertus Technologies, LLC \$174,094.08 with a completion time of 120-180 days after notice to proceed.

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve bid from Outdoor Warning Consulting, LLC. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor- motion carried.

Next for new business was the selection of a professional asbestos inspection service for the Doniphan Demolition grant. Two bids were received- True Test Environmental Services with a score of 616 and Environmental Works with a score of 0.

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve the bid from True Test Environmental. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor- motion carried,

Attorney Miller 1st reading **ORDINANCE 2026-8: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE DONIPHAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INC.** A discussion followed. A motion to suspend the rules and place ordinance on its second reading was made by Alderman Collins and seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance was read a second and final time. The roll call vote was as follows: Netherland – yea; Collins – yea; Jackson – yea; Timms - yea. All in favor. Motion carried

Visitors

Richard Joyner was here to present the idea of renaming Walnut St to Veterans Blvd. Mayor Cox states that they will discuss with MODOt what needs to be done to make that happen. A motion was made by Alderman Collins to approve this change if it is allowed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jackson. All in favor- motion carried.

Logan Gerald was here to present his need for donations and assistance with placement for his bat house, Eagle Scout project. A discussion followed. Utilities Director Jarret Ficke states he will have some of his guys place the houses when they are done and ready to be placed.

Alderman Collins offered to donate \$150 for this project, and Mayor Cox agreed to help find a match for that \$150.

Departmental reports were next on the agenda.

- Public Works Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Police Dept July Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- MMDA Trial Balance, Alderman Collins made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- July Routine Bills, Alderman Collins made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- August Sales Tax, Alderwoman Netherland made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- July 15th Payroll/Bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- July 30th Payroll/Bills, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Code Enforcement/Zoning July Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Fire Dept July Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Miller

Attorney Miller 1st reading **ORDINANCE 2026-11: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 114-96 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DONIPHAN RELATION TO VEHICLE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT.** A discussion followed. A motion to suspend the rules and place ordinance on its second reading was made by Alderman Collins and seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance was read a second and final time. The roll call vote was as follows: Netherland – yea; Collins – yea; Jackson – yea. All in favor. Motion carried

Attorney Miller 1st reading **ORDINANCE 2026-12: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND THE USE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS WITH PENALTY PROVISIONS.** A discussion followed. A motion to suspend the rules and place ordinance on its second reading was made by Alderman Collins and seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance was read a second and final time. The roll call vote was as follows: Netherland – yea; Collins – yea; Jackson – yea. All in favor. Motion carried

Open discussion,

Police Chief Mark Rodgers would like to hire two part time dispatchers to start, and move one to full time in the future. Alderman Jackson made a motion to approve the hire of two part-time dispatchers. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor- motion carried.

Utilities Director Jarret Ficke got quotes for replacement pump at the lift station- A new pump would be \$60,000.00 and a rebuild of the current pump would be \$31,780.00. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve a rebuild of the current pump. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor- motion carried.

City Clerk Marti Porter states that there will need to be a meeting to approve the tax levy on August 25th at 6:00PM.

Alderman Collins made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Time was 7:02 p.m.

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CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THEIR NEXT
MEETING