

CITY OF DONIPHAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 22nd, 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: Teresa Timms, Steve Collins, Leslie Netherland & Denver Jackson

Others present were: Police Chief Mark Rodgers, Utilities Director Jarret Ficke, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Greg Crain, Treasurer Chasity Mathis, & Collector Kim Cannon.

Visitors were: Debra Tune with Prospect News, Serra & Charity McCabe, Missy Hill, Jeremy Manning, Bobby Pawon & Kurt Dicio and friend.

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order. The Council reviewed the minutes of the May 6th meeting. A motion was made by Alderwoman Netherland to approve minute. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Timms. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Old Business

First old business on the agenda was approval for the caterer application guidelines as written by Attorney Miller. A motion was made by Alderwoman Timms to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next for old business was a discussion about the digital sign to be located in the parking lot at City Hall. Discussion tabled.

Lastly for old business was budget approval. This is scheduled for the June 30th meeting.

New Business

Approval of liquor licenses was first on the agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve liquor license applications. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next for new business was the Fair Grounds Lease. There is no active lease currently. City Treasurer Chasity Mathis asked Attorney Miller if he could get a new one written up. Attorney Miller agrees to do so.

Next for new business was the resolution for paving grant. Alderman Jackson approved the resolution for the paving grant. Alderwoman Timms seconded motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

RFQ- Engineering

Great River- 535

Smith + Co- 583

Taylor Engineering- 503

A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve bid for Smith + Co. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Timms. All in favor. Motion carried.

RFP- Professional Service

OFRPC- 588

Jonsie L.L.C.- 489

A motion was made by Alderman Collins to approve bid from OFRPC. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Timms. All in favor- motion carried.

Next on the Agenda was bids submitted for upcoming projects.

First bid was for City Hall sidewalks, curb and ADA Ramps. The first and only bid submitted was from Taylors Construction. The total for this bid was \$46,500. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve this bid. Motion was seconded by Alderman Collins. All in favor. Motion carried.

The second was for the 2026 Asphalt Project. The first and only bid for this project was from Robertson Asphalt.

Bid item #1- \$303,435.00

Bid item #2- \$19,605.00

Bid item #2A- \$27,585.00

Total Bid- \$350,625.00 (completion time 180 days from bid approval)

Utilities Director Jarret Ficke says bid items 2 +2A must be done. Item 1 could possibly be split to do one this year and one next year- will need to get with Robertsons to see if that's possible. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve bid for 2+2A. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Netherland. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Next for new business, Police Chief Mark Rodgers asked for approval to purchase two new vehicles for the PD.

A motion was made by Alderman Collins, seconded by Alderman Jackson, to close Southern Bank account #580105963 and transfer the funds to Peoples Community Bank for investments. Motion carried,

A motion was made by Alderman Collins, seconded by Alderman Jackson, to transfer \$40,752.70 from the Citys HRA funds and combine those with the transferred Southern Bank funds to establish a certificate of deposit. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Collins, seconded by Alderman Jackson, to open a one-year certificate of deposit with Peoples Community Bank in the amount of \$151,579.42 at an interest rate of 3.80%. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Collins, seconded by Alderman Jackson, to proceed with a three-year police vehicle loan in the amount of \$75,957.48 at an interest rate of 4.5%. Motion carried.

A motion was made Alderman Collins, seconded by Alderman Jackson, authorizing Mayor Dennis Cox and City Treasurer Chasity Mathis to execute all documents and sign all paperwork necessary to complete the account closure, transfer the funds, certificate of deposit and police vehicle loan. Motion carried.

Visitors

Missy Hill was here with the VFW is here wondering what is needed for Freedom Fest & the beer garden. City Attorney states that she has everything they will need. Police Chief Mark Rodgers asks where it is going to be set up- will be at the fair grounds in the little shed. They are not allowed to walk all around with drinks. Missy will get with the chamber about that as they

were not aware of that. Area will be policed. Ms. Hill was given an application to return for this event.

Ms. Hill also states ball park road is very dangerous. She is informed it is being worked on.

Visitor Bobby Pawson says code books need updated. He has been informed that new code books are being ordered and new codes adopted. Mr. Pawson states that he will help anyway that he can.

Visitor Serra McCabe and daughter Charity McCabe are here advocating for a park board. She is here looking for suggestions on locations, equipment, funding, etc. to help get the ball rolling. Ms. McCabe has given a list of community members who would be willing to participate and join in on this group. Ms. McCabe is asking for seed money to get the ball rolling and present to the community to get more donations. She will get lists to the council.

Departmental reports were next on the agenda.

- MMDA Trial Balance, Alderwoman Netherland made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- May & June Routine Bills, Alderwoman Timms made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- May & June Sales Tax, Alderman Collins made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- May & June 15th Payroll/Bills, Alderwoman Timms made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- May 30th Payroll/Bills, Alderwoman Timms made a motion to accept the report. Alderman Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Public Works Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Timms seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Code Enforcement/Zoning May & June Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Timms seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Fire Dept May & June Monthly Report, Alderman Collins made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Police Dept May Monthly Report, Alderman Jackson made a motion to accept the report. Alderwoman Timms seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney Miller

Code books need to be ordered, and then 90 days after, ordinances need to be invoked.

Open discussion,

City Clerk Marti Porter states that a special meeting will need to be held for the siren bid opening. July 27th will be the planned upon date at this time.

City Clerk Marti Porter states that there will be a Main Street Grant walk through on July 6th, from 1-3pm. Mayor Cox, Police Chief, council members and commissioner are invited and encouraged to join.

City Treasurer Chasity Mathis is asking permission to pay off the PD building early instead of putting it in the new budget. Alderman Collins made a motion to pay off that building early. All in favor, motion carried.

Utilities Director Jarret Ficke states they would like to put \$350,000.00 of water/sewer surplus into a CD at Southern Bank with 4% rate. Mayor Cox suggests splitting it into 3 CDs, City Treasurer Chasity Mathis will call and see if that will change the interest rates. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson to approve this transfer. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Timms. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Greg Crain would like to transfer \$1315.00 to pay the volunteer firefighters \$30/fire instead of the \$7.50/hr. Alderman Collins made a motion to approve the pay change. Alderwoman Timms seconded this motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Greg Crain is asking for a transfer of \$3000.00 for a new thermal and equipment to go with it.

At this time Mayor Cox stated that a closed session, **Personnel RSMo 610.021.(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body**, had been posted and asked for a motion to end the open meeting & go into a closed meeting. Alderman Collins made a motion to end open & go into a closed session. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. Roll call vote to go into a closed meeting was; Alderman Collins – yea, Alderwoman Netherland – yea, Alderwoman Timms- yea & Alderman Jackson - yea.

Alderman Collins made a motion to go back into a regular session; Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. Roll call vote for regular session was; Alderman Collins – yea, Alderman Jackson – yea, Alderwoman Timms - yea, Alderwoman Netherland – yea. Time was 7:28p.m.

Alderman Collins made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Time was 7:28 p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THEIR NEXT MEETING