

CITY OF DONIPHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2026
9:00 A.M.

- **Call to Order**

Mayor Cox called the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 9:00 A.M.

- **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Dennis Cox, Alderman Riley March, Alderman Denver Jackson & Alderwoman Leslie Netherland. City Clerk Marti Porter, Treasurer Chasity Mathis, Chief of Police Mark Rodgers & Utilities Director Jarret Ficke.

Absent: Alderman Steve Collins, Attorney Miller, Collector Kim Cannon & Fire Chief Greg Crain

Visitors: Jamie Elliot.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Alderman March moved to approve minutes of the March 3 2026 meeting. Seconded by Alderman Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **New Business**

Mowing & Lawn Maintenance bid for cemetery's & empty lots were opened;

ELIOTT'S LAWN & LANDSCAPE LLC,	Base \$3,428.57	Option A \$1,000.00
L&L LAWN SERVICE	Base \$3,200.00	Option A \$700.00
NICKS LAWN MAINTENANCE	Base \$3,300.00	Option A \$975.00
CONN LAWN CARE	Base \$2,850.00	Option A \$620.00

After a discussion, bid was tabled until the April 7, 2026 meeting to check references & insurance.

City Treasurer Chasity Mathis asked the council for permission to pay off the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2022 early. Original payoff is scheduled for March 2030; we are financial able to pay off early. Paying early will save the City \$9,400 in interest. Payoff is \$162,846.68. Discussion. Alderman Jackson made a motion to pay off sewer bond early. Alderman March seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Cox stated Ball Park Director Kara Ritchey would like the ball park program to run the concession stand this year. Doniphan for Football did it in the past & will not be this year. The money generated will be put back into the ball park fund. Discussion. Alderman Jackson made a motion for Park Director Kara Ritchey to run the concession stand for the 2026 Ball Park Program. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Open Discussion**

Utilities Director Jarret Ficke asked the Council for permission to hire a full-time water sewer employee, Tristan Leroux. Discussion. Alderman Jackson made a motion to hire Tristan Leroux. Alderman March seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Utilities Director Ficke presented the Council with Capitol Improvement/Paving projects for possible implementation in 2027. Jarret explained that asphalt companies are booked a year out

& that with that in mind, discussions & decisions may need to be made prior to yearly budget discussions.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Netherland seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Time was 9:43 a.m.

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MEETING**