

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Irlan Fullbright, Gaila Nielsen, Branden Rapp, Rick Wilson and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham, representing the Ellinwood Leader and Karen LaPierre, representing the Great Bend Tribune.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve minutes for the October 11, 2011 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

D. APPROPRIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Branden Rapp to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. RECOGNITION OF EHS GIRLS TENNIS & BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS: Mayor Koelsch recognized and congratulated the EHS Girls tennis team and the EHS Boys cross country team for placing first at state competition, and also the Girls cross country team for placing runner up at the state competition.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Parking Ordinance: Since the October meeting, Robert Peter, city administrator contacted various communities to inquire as to their policy on parking trailers on public streets. Presented to council were the responses received. After much discussion, council directed Robert Peter to draft changes to the current ordinance allowing a trailer to be parked on a public street for a period of 24 hours, if it is attached to an operable legally tagged vehicle, and allow a trailer to be parked at a job site through the completion of the job, as long as it is not obstructing traffic. In addition, any grass or utility trailer will be allowed in the alley right of way unless, in City's sole discretion, the trailer hinders access for emergency vehicles or utility work.
2. Discussion of Utility Collection Enforcement on Rental Property: This item was removed from the agenda.

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G. VISITORS: Mary Jo Cunningham, Karen LaPierre, Chris Komarek, Jacque Isern, Art Keffer, Stephen Flakus, Pam & Dick Kaspar, Jeff & Annette Troyer, Shawn Troyer, Kale Clawson, Kyle Oglesbee, Brooke Panning, Becca Strecker, Chelsea Kaspar, Ashley Reichuber, Pedro Montoya, Branden Coomes, Lyles Lashley, Kyle Blakeslee, Morgan Feemster, Darrien Beckwith, Gentry McLeland, Danae Patten, Rachel Doll, Kaitlyn Robl, Oma Thomas, Mary Feemster, Stephanie Oglesbee, Becky Elsen, Jenna Snell, Lyle Stickney, Rick & Lori Thomas, Greg Patten, Darren Beckwith, Colin Miller, Bruce & Michele Bryant and Lyle Bryant

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Awards: A service award was presented to Joel Rajewsky for his 5 years of service to the Fire Department.
2. Update on Compost Tractor: Staff reported the compost tractor is now repaired and the repair bill was \$8,933.12. Presented to council was a proposal from Lang Diesel to trade this tractor in for a larger tractor. The current tractor is an 86 horsepower and the proposal is for a tractor rated at 120 horsepower. The proposed purchase price is \$97,299 with a trade allowance of \$57,399 resulting in a net cost to the City of \$39,900.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to accept the quote from Lang Diesel in the amount of \$39,900 for the purchase of a Challenger MT475B tractor, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for October, 2011.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported a new tree, which was donated by the Ellinwood Historical Society, was planted in Wolf Park. The City will also purchase another tree to plant there as well.
 - b) The City Christmas party will be held at the American Legion on Friday, December 2nd.

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- c) Staff reported a gas line at the sewer treatment plant had to be replaced and rebuilt by Amerine Electric. Wolf Pond well has been fixed by Clarke Well with an estimated cost of \$5000 - \$7000. Tree trimming has been completed. City crews will begin working on Christmas decorations.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk