

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MARCH 13, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Councilmembers Irlan Fullbright, Kirk Clawson, Branden Rapp, Rick Wilson and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Councilmember Gaila Nielsen was absent.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve minutes for the February 14, 2012 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Branden Rapp. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**F. VISITORS:** Mary Jo Cunningham, Karen LaPierre, Jacque Isern, Curtis Wolf, Chris Komarek, Kevin Clair and Gordon Eggers.

Gordon Eggers was present to discuss junk and unregistered vehicles in the city limits. Mr. Peter advised the junk vehicle ordinance requires letters are sent to the owner if vehicles are not operable, are not insured and have expired tags. The owner has ten (10) days from receipt of the letter to abate the nuisance. If the nuisance is not abated, the owner is issued a citation. Mr. Peter advised that letters have been sent to some of the owners Mr. Eggers inquired about and that law enforcement will be sending out letters this spring for non-compliance with the junk vehicle ordinance. Mr. Eggers was also advised that all complaints received by the city office regarding vehicles are acted upon immediately.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Service Awards: Service awards were presented to the following city employee for his years of service to the City of Ellinwood. The award was presented to:

Mark Pohlman - 20 years – Ambulance Department

2. Kansas Wetlands Education Center Report: Curtis Wolf, Site Manager of Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC) was present to give an

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update on the KWEC, including past accomplishments and goals for 2012. During the past year the KWEC had over 32,000 contacts through drop-in visitors, onsite programs, outreach programs and tradeshow booths. This is a 36% increase from the past year. Mr. Wolf advised major goals for 2012 include introduce a marketing campaign, install billboards and KDOT directional signage, and increase drop-in visitors. Mr. Wolf also expressed appreciation to the Ellinwood community for their support.

3. Appointments to KMEA Board of Directors: Each year the City has to renew appointments to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency board of Directors. Robert Peter and Dave Lloyd currently serve as Directors and Mayor Koelsch is the alternate. Robert Peter's appointment is for a two year term which will expire in April 2013. Therefore, Director #2 and the alternate member need to be appointed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to appoint Dave Lloyd, Director #2 and Mayor Koelsch as the alternate member. Motion seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

4. Street Sweeper: Presented to council were two proposals for the purchase of a street sweeper. The first proposal is from Elliott Equipment in Davenport, Iowa for a purchase price of \$39,000.00 with a thirty (30) day warranty. The second proposal is from Key Equipment and Supply Company in Kansas City for a purchase price of \$55,000.00 with a ninety (90) day warranty. The Key Equipment and Supply Company sweeper was extensively refurbished. After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to purchase the street sweeper from Key Equipment and Supply Company, subject to inspection by the Department Head and to authorize payment in cash or by lease-purchase option, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
5. Request by VFW: Presented to council was a request from the VFW to operate the concession stand as a fundraiser at the south side ball fields during the summer recreation programs. Mr. Peter indicated the VFW would not operate the concessions during private tournaments unless requested to do so.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branden Rapp to accept the VFW's request to operate the south side ball fields concession stand for

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the summer recreation programs, seconded by Council member Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

6. Chamber June Jaunt Request: Presented to Council was a request from Jacque Isern, representing the Chamber of Commerce and the June Jaunt Committee for the use of city facilities on Saturday, June 2, 2012, specifically the use of Wolf Park and the parking stalls on the east side for arts & crafts booths and concessions, and the east side of Wolf Pond.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to allow the Chamber of Commerce use of any city facilities for the June Jaunt event on June 2, 2012, seconded by Councilmember Branden Rapp. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

7. Executive Session: An executive session is requested for discussion of non-elected personnel. A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for discussion of non-elected personnel and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers. Councilmember Branden Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m. No action taken.

**REPORTS:**

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for February, 2012.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
  - a) Staff reported on spring projects for the water and electric departments which include running a new water line to the swimming pool from south of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, a sewer line replacement on East B Street by Worman Field, tree plantings at city parks and swimming pool, and new underground electric lines.
  - b) Staff reported Hoisington, Claflin and Ellinwood are collaborating and submitting a Small Community Improvement Program grant. The funds would be designated for a landscaping project on the east side of the swimming pool and for bleachers at Worman Field.

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- c) Staff reported that KPP will be here next week to determine final design for EPA compliance at power plant.
- d) Staff reported that bids have been sent out for the demolition of the house next to the city shop and the bunkhouses behind the house.
- e) Staff reported letters will be sent to owners with junk vehicles on their property.
- f) Staff reported school and cemetery approval for the north side of the cemetery to be used as a driving range.
- g) Staff reported that Joiner Construction will replace the roof on the gazebo at Pohlman Park.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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Frank Koelsch, Mayor

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Kim Schartz, City Clerk