

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 11, 2013
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Irlan Fullbright, Kirk Clawson, Kathy Hines, Rick Wilson, Alan Brauer and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham and Karen LaPierre, representing the Ellinwood Leader and the Great Bend Tribune.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve minutes for the May 14, 2013 council meeting seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Former City Landfill: This issue was tabled from the May meeting. Discussion continued regarding fencing off the prohibited area with 4 strand 2 bar wire fencing and to provide a minimal parking area for recreational vehicles on the north side of the property to allow for an access point into the river. Safety issues were expressed about placing the fencing on the property. The general consensus of the council was to start with signage on the property to see if that will alleviate the problem.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to not allow access to the landfill site except in designated areas, and approve placing signage on the property for designated parking areas and restricted signage in prohibited areas as determined by City staff, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

F. VISITORS: Mary Jo and Ron Cunningham, Karen LaPierre, Ken Lebbin, Art Keffer, Kevin Clair, Mitch Menges and Dave Humphrey.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for After Harvest Festival: Mitch Menges and Dave Humphrey representing the Kansas Sidewinders MC were present at the meeting. Presented to council was an application for a cereal malt beverage license, submitted by the Kansas Sidewinders, MC for operation of a beverage tent at the After Harvest Festival.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve the cereal malt beverage application for operation of a beverage tent for the Kansas Sidewinders, MC at the After Harvest Festival, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

2. Ordinance for Consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages on Public Property: Presented to council for review was Ordinance 2013-2, an ordinance that allows for the consumption of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor in the City Park in association with the beverage tent and the After Harvest Festival Dance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve Ordinance 2013-2, an ordinance exempting certain following described public property, the title of which is vested in the City of Ellinwood, Kansas to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages thereon, as authorized by charter ordinance No. 5 of said city and establishing the time when such exemption shall be effective. Councilmember Kathy Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

3. Fireworks Display: The past several years the City has joined with other community members to provide a fireworks display for the community and surrounding area. Donations are received from local businesses and individuals to help defray the costs to the City. Mitch Menges advised council that the Menges family will made a \$1,000 annual contribution to the event.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve the 4th of July fireworks display to be held on July 4th , with an alternate date of July 5th in the case of inclement weather, and also to rename the event to the Jerry Menges Memorial Fireworks Display Motion seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for May, 2013.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.

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3. Staff Reports:

- a) Staff reported Greg Maxwell was the 5th person appointed to the Recreation Commission. The next meeting will be June 17th and the public is invited.
- b) Staff reported H & B Communications has sent out community surveys regarding placing fiber optic within the town, which would enable them to offer bundled services, including high speed internet, landline and cable service. It is very important the surveys be completed because H & B Communications has to have 60% to 70% interest from the community before they can proceed
- c) A city newsletter addressing some common questions and concerns is being mailed out with the annual consumer confidence report.
- d) Staff explained Rob Fisher is seeking a public administration degree and will be interning with the City this summer for 2 hours a week. His focus will be on budgeting and human resources.
- e) Staff reported the June Jaunt was again very successful with large crowds attending.
- f) Staff reported he has committed \$3,500 out of the Economic Development Fund for After Harvest Festival souvenir programs.
- g) Staff reported the band shell has been power washed. Attendance at the pool started out low, due to mild temperatures, however the last few days attendance has been good. A letter requesting fireworks donations has been sent out. Installation of the new playground equipment will be finished this week.
- h) Staff reported a bunker gear grant for the fire department has been approved. Also the city will be obtaining a 5 ton vehicle through the Forestry Department and will be spending approximately \$10,000 to equip the vehicle.
- i) Staff explained effective July 1st, cities can no longer prohibit concealed carry on city properties.
- j) A budget study session will be scheduled for July 22nd or 23rd.
- k) Staff reported the city is waiting on a survey for the Pohlman property to finalize the deed.

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- 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 Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk