

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve minutes for the November 7, November 11, November 12, November 13, November 18 and November 19, 2013 council meetings, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

D. APPROPRIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. AT&T Contract Review: This item was removed from the agenda because contract will not be received until after the first of the year.

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Leon and Marilyn Reichuber, Kathy Schartz, Art Keffer, Kevin Clair, Deadra Schlotthauer and Karen LaPierre. Residents were present to inquire as to the status of selecting an engineering firm and the flood study. Robert Peter, city administrator explained an engineering firm has been selected and a meeting has been scheduled with the engineering firm to discuss and decide the scope of the flood study.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report from Recreation Commission: This item was removed from the agenda because Rob Fisher, representing the Recreation Commission was sick.
2. Review of Cereal Malt Beverage Applications: All cereal malt beverage licenses are due for renewal at the December meeting. The City has received the following applications for license issuance:

General Retailer

Annie Mae's
Kansas Sidewinders MC

Container Retailer

H & T Stop 2 Shop
Pop N Shop
Zip Stop
Ellinwood Family Foods

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A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve the cereal malt beverage licenses for the year 2014, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

3. Audit Proposal: Presented to council was a proposal from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball to perform the city audit for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to accept the proposal from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd for a fee of \$9,785 for 2013, \$10,080 for 2014 and \$10,380 for 2015. Councilmember Irlan Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Ordinance Increasing Ambulance Rates: Presented to council for review was Ordinance 2013-4, regarding fees for ambulance services. As Medicare and Medicaid change their approved ambulance fee schedules, it is necessary that ambulance services also modify their fee schedules as well. In addition to the rate increase, staff recommends that as a policy the City utilize the same rate as approved by Medicare for all uninsured users.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve Ordinance 2013-4, an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 7, Section 7-601 of the Ellinwood municipal code regarding fees for ambulance service, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Resolution for EMS Contribution: The City of Ellinwood ambulance department was the recipient of a bequest of savings bonds from the Estate of Vivian Archer. Presented to council for review was Resolution 121013, a resolution authorizing execution of request for payment of United States savings bonds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve Resolution 121013, authorizing execution of request for payment of United States savings bonds, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. RICE Upgrades Costs: At the October 8, 2013 meeting, city council made a motion to allow Robert Peter to negotiate for the best possible cost to bring the OP engine, rather than the Worthington engine, into compliance not to exceed \$111,000. The total cost for the RICE upgrade was determined to be \$114,975.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve the additional cost of \$3,975, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for November, 2013.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the City was selected for an IRS compliance check for 2012. A compliance check consists of reviewing and reconciling forms 941, W-2's, W-3, W-4's, 1099's and 1096. The compliance check was completed on December 10th with no discrepancies noted.
 - b) Staff reported during the month of December the city is operating with minimal staff due to vacation being used prior to the end of the year. Staff is working on the forestry truck for the fire department.
 - c) Staff reported a good turnout for the City Christmas party.
 - d) Staff reported the deeds on the properties purchased at the Sheriff's sale have been received.
 - e) Staff reported additional brackets have been placed on the holding basins at the sewer treatment plant to provide additional reinforcement of areas which experienced leakage.
 - f) Staff reported the city has accepted the donation from the Grandon's for their Christmas display.

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 voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk