

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**JUNE 10, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor advised that item 6, Chamber of Commerce Request is removed from the agenda.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Councilmembers Alan Brauer, Kirk Clawson, Irlan Fullbright, and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Councilmember Rick Wilson was absent. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham representing the Ellinwood Leader.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve minutes for the May 13, 2014 regular council meeting, and the May 22, 2014 and June 3, 2014 special council meetings seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present 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 present voting in favor.

**E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**F. VISITORS:** Debbie Glenn, Ken Lebbin, Art Keffer, Kevin Clair, Mary Jo and Ron Cunningham.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance for Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property: Presented to council for review was Ordinance 2014-1, an ordinance that allows for the consumption of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor in the City Park from 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, through 2:00 a.m. Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> in association with the beverage tent and the After Harvest Festival Dance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve Ordinance 2014-1, 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 Irlan Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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2. Consideration of Sick Leave Policy: Council previously approved a reimbursement plan for unused sick leave for city employees who retire. Currently sick leave accumulation is capped at 720 hours (90 working days) and the approved reimbursement is 50% of the accumulated amount. Council was reminded that the accumulated sick leave cap was increased from 480 hours to 720 hours at the time the reimbursement was approved. Staff recommends reducing the reimbursement amount to 25%, which would still provide an incentive to employees to not abuse sick leave and limit the potential liability to the city. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the reduction of the reimbursement plan for unused sick leave from 50% to 25%, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
  
3. Review of Employee Compensation: At the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting, council did not approve a raise for 2014, but requested the matter be revisited at the June, 2014 meeting. After some discussion regarding the city's current financial position and the increased costs as a result of the flood study and purchases of real estate, a motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to not approve a raise at this time, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
  
4. Ambulance Personnel: Staff provided an update in regard to ambulance personnel. In April of last year, council approved hiring EMS personnel to work 8 hour day shifts during the week, to allow more transfers to take place. Since that time, although transfers have somewhat increased, calls have dropped significantly resulting in decreased revenues and increased expenses. Staff explained that transfers are being declined at times because it would leave the city uncovered due to limited EMS staff available during daytime hours. Staff will be attending a county ambulance meeting to discuss the 2015 budget.
  
5. Red Cross Request: Presented to council was a letter from the Central Kansas Chapter requesting a \$500 donation to support their local programs. No action taken by council.

**REPORTS:**

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for May, 2014.

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2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
  - a) Staff reported H & B Communications installation of high fiber optic lines will be delayed slightly by highway project changes with storm drains.
  - b) Staff reported the issue with the Barton County Treasurer's office could delay budget preparation.
  - c) Staff reported the county is willing to assist the city clean out the south ditch to the river.
  - d) Staff reported that during the City clean up period so far, 9 dumpsters have been filled and disposed of.
  - e) Staff reported there have been citizen complaints about draining issues in alleyways that will need to be addressed.
  - f) Donations are being received for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July display. Staff is still working on obtaining insurance for the show.
  - g) Staff has been approached by Scott's Welding Service who does tank certification and cleaning. They are requesting the use of the sewer treatment plant to dispose of industrial waste water.
  - h) Staff reported on the recent rain event. The city received approximately 4 to 4.5 inches in a 24 hour period. The pump was set up in the north east area of town and it ran all day. City staff filled approximately 1000 sandbags, and Southwind Drilling employees filled another 500 sandbags. There were several citizens who came and picked up sandbags. Other than the normal street flooding, no other flooding was reported.
  - i) Staff will be attending an APPA conference in Denver beginning Thursday and ending on Tuesday.

- 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 Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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Frank Koelsch, Mayor

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Kim Schartz, City Clerk