

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 12, 2014
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the July 8, 2014 regular council meeting and the July 22, 2014 special city council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. 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 Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: J Basil Dannebohm, Karen LaPierre, John Hughes, Lloyd Kurtz, Art Keffer, Kevin Clair, Kathy Hines, James McCormick, Alicia Straub, Chris Komarek, Jacque Isern, Catherine Strecker.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing on 2015 Budget: As part of the adoption of each year's budget, a Public Hearing is required. Notice has been given pursuant to statute to hold this year's hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Koelsch opened the public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget at 7:05 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Koelsch declared the public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

2. Consideration of Budget for Approval: At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council considers adoption of the proposed budget. An ordinance must be passed adopting the budget. Adoption of the proposed budget does not require spending the amounts adopted; however, the adopted budget allows those amounts to be utilized when necessary.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to adopt the 2015 proposed budget and adopt Ordinance 2014-2, an ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating, by fund the budget of the City of Ellinwood, Kansas for the year beginning January 1, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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3. Appointment to Vacant Council Position: Mayor Koelsch recommended the appointment of James McCormick to fill the council position vacated by Ken Lebbin. A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve the appointment of James McCormick to fill the council position vacated by Ken Lebbin, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.
4. Delinquent Accounts Review: Mayor Koelsch requested this item be moved to the end of the action items because it involves an executive session.
5. Chamber of Commerce Request: J. Basil Dannebohm, John Hughes, Lloyd Kurtz and Jacque Isern, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce were present to address council to request funding support from the City. J. Basil Dannebohm provided a recap of events during his first year as Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce Administrator. Lloyd Kurtz presented 2014 year to date financial statements for the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce. Robert Peter, City administrator provided council with a list of financial assistance that has been provided to the Chamber for 2012 through 2014.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve a donation to the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$3,500, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer with it to be revisited before the end of the year for next year. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. Bids for Air Packs: Presented to council were bids for the 12 air packs the City will be acquiring through the Fire Act Grant. The bids received are as follows:

Fisher Safety	\$ 88,701.52
Grainger	131,800.00
Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES)	85,500.04

A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve the bid from MES in the amount of \$85,500.04, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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7. Delinquent Accounts Review: The auditors recommend the City annually review delinquent accounts and write off those accounts which are becoming aged. A review and write-off of older accounts provides the City with a more accurate amount of collectible accounts receivable at year end. Although the accounts are written off, the City will continue with collection efforts including referral of the accounts to the State of Kansas Setoff Program to offset against tax refunds or funds. The city's percentage of bad debts is very low.

An executive session is requested to review the list of delinquent accounts. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes for review of delinquent accounts and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers. Councilmember Kirk Clawson seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the list of delinquent accounts as presented for write off, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

8. Executive Session for Discussion of Contract Negotiations: An executive session is requested for the discussion of contract negotiations and client privileged information. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to adjourn into executive session for thirty (30) minutes for discussion of contract negotiations and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers. Councilmember Rick Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 9:10 p.m. No action taken.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for July, 2014.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.

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3. Staff Reports:

- a) Staff reported the health insurance premium might stay consistent with last year.
- b) Staff reported the City is taking applications for the open police position.
- c) Staff reported, August 18th will be the last day for the swimming pool, with extended hours August 17th and 18th.
- d) Staff explained Ben Jacobs, superintendent of Ellinwood High School, approached the City and inquired about removing some trees by the track.
- e) Staff reported the City is still waiting to hear from Nelson Stone with Stone Sand Company regarding the date of demolition on the Main Street buildings.
- f) Staff explained the City did not paint the curbs yellow on the north side of the grade school because the parking issue appears to have been resolved by faculty not parking on 6th Street.
- g) Staff reported that KDOT is acquiring additional easements from property owners on Santa Fe including the city. Some of the easements are temporary to allow room for construction and other easements are permanent. It is staff's understanding the storm sewer system along the highway will be increased in size and that is part of the reason the additional permanent easement.
- h) Staff reported in a phone conference with KDOT, they inquired as to the possibility of a shared driveway with the potential retailer east of the city shop and the city shop. Staff explained that both parties were opposed to this idea.

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

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk