

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
5:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Irlan Fullbright, Alan Brauer, James McCormick and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Councilmember Rick Wilson was absent.

C. VISITORS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annexation of Link Property: Presented to council was Ordinance 2014-3, an ordinance annexing the purchased Link property into the City of Ellinwood. A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to approve Ordinance 2014-3, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to authorize Mayor Koelsch to execute the deed to transfer the property to Bob and Donna Long, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

2. Health Insurance Renewal: The City's health insurance policy is up for renewal on November 1st. Renewal rates for the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) stayed fairly consistent with last year's premium. Also presented to council was the Blue Cross & Blue Shield "Gold Premier Shop" plan which is a more traditional health insurance package with a \$1400 deductible, 20% coinsurance, office copays and prescription copays. The premiums for this policy are aged based, therefore every employee's premium is different. Under this plan, employees could no longer contribute to their Health Savings Accounts because the plan is not a federally qualified high deductible health plan. The potential cost savings to the city in lower premiums and not making the H.S.A. contributions is approximately \$50,000. The City currently pays 100% of the employee only coverage and 85% of the other coverages. Staff proposes keeping the city contribution percentages the same.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the "Gold Premier Shop" plan and continue with the same percentages as noted above, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk