

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Alan Brauer, Irlan Fullbright, Kirk Clawson, James McCormick, and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Councilmember Rick Wilson was absent. 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 Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the September 9, 2014 regular council meeting and the September 23, 2014 special city 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 Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Ken Lebbin, Dennis Lebbin, Art Keffer, Alicia Straub, Cheryl Isern, Mel Waite, Hank Komarek, Debbie, Komarek, Terry Boor, Jon Perron. Kyle Chamberlain and Mark Chesney.

Hank and Debbie Komarek addressed the council regarding the power cost adjustment on the city utility bill. A lengthy discussion ensued.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recreation Commission Update: Mel Waite and Kyle Chamberlain were present to provide an update on the recreation commission. Mel Waite provided an historical perspective on the creation of the Recreation Commission. Kyle Chamberlain provided information on youth, adult and senior recreational programming. Mel Waite discussed the recreation commission's efforts to establish a wellness center to address health and fitness in the community. A facility to house the wellness center has been identified and facility equipment has been proposed. The Recreation Commission continues to look for funding from both private and public sources.
2. Cyber Security Update: Jon Perron attended a seminar in Wichita on cyber security and provided an overview to the council. The city currently uses two antivirus programs and the goal is to provide the same security system throughout all city offices. The city currently has a third party back up system in place.

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3. Vision Service Renewal Plan: Presented to council is the renewal of the Vision Service Plan. The renewal premium is remaining unchanged at \$17.93 per employee per month. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the renewal of the Vision Service Plan. Councilmember Irlan Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Amendments on FlexSystem Premium Only Cafeteria Plan: Presented to Council are two amendments to our FlexSystem Premium Only Cafeteria Plan. The first amendment is the Plan Document Exchange Change in Status which allows a participant to revoke his/her election during a plan year to purchase a “qualified” health plan through the Marketplace. The second amendment is the Plan Document regarding “Qualified Benefits Plan” which removes the Health Savings Account as a qualified benefit plan under the cafeteria plan. A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to accept both the Plan Document Exchange Change in Status Amendment and the Plan Document regarding “Qualified Benefits Plan” Amendment. Councilmember Alan Brauer seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for September, 2014.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported that work on the drainage ditch to the south and east will begin on November 3rd, as well as on the drainage ditch north to Hirsch Street. The boundary lines of the right of way will be determined and staked by EBH at a cost of \$3400.00.
 - b) Staff reported that police interviews will be conducted this week.
 - c) Staff reported that applications for the power plant and street department will be reviewed and the city may advertise for the position again.
 - d) Staff reported that Janice Birzer has been hired for the utility clerk/treasurer’s position.
 - e) Staff reported that the city is closing on the Link/Long property.
 - f) Staff reported that an engineer will return to look at the demolition work being done on the Main Street buildings.

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- g) Staff reported the progress on the Dennis Lebbin building at the airport and that another party has approached staff in regards to putting up another building.
- h) Staff reported the property the city will deed to Justin Joiner in exchange for a utility easement has been surveyed.
- i) Staff reported that the KDOT highway project to relocate storm and sewer lines is still on track. The engineering and design costs study have been funded however; the construction of the project has not been yet been approved. Staff also reported on possible changes to the original design.

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 Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Scharz, City Clerk