

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

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the October 13, 2014 special council meeting and October 14, 2014 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember 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 Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Art Keffer, and Mike Gibson.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Koelsch requested an addition to the agenda for appointment to the Scenic Byway Committee.

1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Steve Woodruff for his 20 years of service to the Ellinwood Fire Department.
2. Truck Parking Ordinance: Presented to council was a copy of the current truck parking ordinance on residential property, which prohibits any truck or truck-tractor, with a gross weight rating in excess of 24,000 pounds to be parked on any lot in an area zoned residential. The police department has sent letters out addressing this issue and one individual has complained and expressed concerns because he responds to emergency calls and needs access to his truck and also doesn't want to park far away from his vehicle because of equipment on the vehicle. After much discussion regarding the possibility of increasing the gross weight rating, or allowing these trucks to park in less populated areas of town, the issue was tabled, awaiting additional information.
3. Mayor Koelsch recommends the appointment of Richard Kimple to the scenic byway committee to replace Paul Tschopp. There were no objections from the council.

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4. Executive Session for Discussion of Non-Elected Personnel: An executive session is requested for the discussion of non-elected personnel. A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for discussion of non-elected personnel 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 7:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:05 p.m. No action taken.

5. Executive Session: An executive session is requested for discussion of matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for discussion of matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers. Councilmember James McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:05 pm.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:20 p.m. No action taken.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for October, 2014.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported work has begun on the clean-up of the south ditch. Much progress has been made with the assistance of Barton County.
 - b) Staff reported tree trimming has been completed. It took approximately a week to 10 days.
 - c) Staff invited the council to the city Christmas party which will be December 5th at the city shop at 5:30 p.m.
 - d) Staff reported the second police position has tentatively been filled, with a start date of December 1st.

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- e) Staff reported there are major issues with the sewer line on the Main Street property which was purchased by Alicia and Will Straub. He explained that sewer lines for 3 buildings are currently tied together. Staff explained one possible solution could be to tie Straub's sewer line in with the Heritage Senior Citizen building. The consensus of council was for the city to assist with cutting and replacing the concrete if there is no objection by the Heritage Club.
- f) Staff reported, as a follow up to the discussion at the last meeting in regard to electric rates, the City of Ellinwood's wholesale rate is .0702, compared to Hoisington at .0777. Staff explained that joining the Kansas Power Pool was still a good decision to lower the city's wholesale cost.

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 voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk