A. CALL TO ORDER:

- B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Alan Brauer, Kirk Clawson, James McCormick, Rick Wilson and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Councilmember Gaila Nielsen was absent. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham representing the Ellinwood Leader and Veronica Coons representing the Great Bend Tribune. City Attorney Robert Peter was present.
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve minutes for the March 8, 2016 regular council meeting and the March 28, 2016 special council meeting, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
- D. **APPROPRIATIONS**: A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. **VISITORS**: Rosie Joiner, Mary Jo Cunningham, Ron Cunningham, Terry Boor, Brittney Glenn, Art Keffer, Dennis Lebbin, Kevin Clair, Janice Birzer, Ken Lebbin, Joel Krosschell with EBH, Alex Feil, Kathy Hines, Rob Dove, Mark Chesney, Monty Strecker, Alicia Straub, Matt Hosler, Judy Hayes, Jacque Isern

Comments were heard from Kathy Hines, Terry Boor, Dennis Lebbin, Monty Strecker and Matt Hosler. Kathy Hines congratulated Ken Lebbin and expressed concern over the appointment of the interim city administrator. Terry Boor thanked Rick Wilson for his service on the city council. Dennis Lebbin voiced concerns regarding the use of the dumpster at the compost site and inquired as to the possibility of placing fencing along the north side of the compost site. He also inquired as to whether the pump on 11th street will be a permanent fixture. Monty Strecker asked council to consider moving the 4th of July fireworks display to Sunday, July 3rd. Matt Hosler addressed council regarding the drainage on 1st street.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. <u>Kansas Power Pool Update:</u> Mark Chesney the CEO and General Manager of the Kansas Power Pool was present to provide an update on the activities of the power pool. Mr. Chesney extended an invitation to city council to attend the KMU annual meeting dinner on May 4th at 6:30 and an invitation to attend the September 9th and 10th annual fall planning retreat.

- 2. <u>Update on Splash Pad:</u> Rosie Joiner was present to provide an update on the progress of the fund raising efforts for the splash pad. The splash pad committee is requesting a monetary donation from the city which would enable them to complete the project this year. The consensus of the council was to review funds and determine if there is money available for the project. Therefore, the issue was tabled awaiting additional information.
- 3. <u>Citizen Hearing in Regard to Notice of Vehicle Nuisance:</u> Matt Hosler was issued a vehicle nuisance letter by the police department for a vehicle parked behind his building at 114 West 1st Street. Mr. Hosler has requested a hearing.

Mayor Irlan Fullbright declared the hearing open. Police Chief Keffer explained the vehicle had a flat tire and an expired tag which are violations of Ordinance 8-308. Mr. Hosler explained he currently does not have title to the vehicle which is prohibiting him from getting a current registration on the vehicle. Mr. Hosler also explained the vehicle has been covered and locked to prevent access. Mr. Hosler is requesting 60 days to abate the condition. Mayor Irlan Fullbright declared the hearing closed.

The council finds the vehicle is not in compliance because the registration is not current and it is inoperable. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve granting 60 days to abate the nuisance, seconded by Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

4. <u>Citizen Hearing in Regard to Notice of Vehicle Nuisance:</u> Monty Strecker was issued a vehicle nuisance letter by the police department for two vehicles parked behind his building at 108 N Main Street. Mr. Strecker has requested a hearing.

Mayor Irlan Fullbright declared the hearing open. Police Chief Keffer explained the vehicles both have expired tags which is a violation of Ordinance 8-308. Mr. Strecker explained they are both operable. He parked them behind his property while he decides what to do with them. Mr. Strecker said he will have them tagged by the end of April. Mayor Irlan Fullbright declared the hearing closed.

The council finds the vehicles are not in compliance because the registrations are not current on either vehicle. A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve the remedy of obtaining current registrations on both vehicles as stated by Monty Strecker, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

5. <u>Chamber of Commerce Request:</u> Jacque Isern, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce was present to request use of city facilities for the After Harvest Festival on July 14th through 16th. As outlined in her letter to the council, facilities requested include the practice football field, swimming pool, City Park, Wolf Park, Wolf Pond and the city streets for the 5K run.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the use of the city facilities for the After Harvest Festival as requested above, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

- 6. <u>Chip and Seal Project:</u> Presented to council were bids to chip and seal the city streets. The 2016 budget contains approximately \$70,000 allocated for street improvements. The bids received were as follows:
 - B & H Paving, Inc. 100,000 square yards @ \$1.55 per square yard
 - B & H Paving, Inc. 30,000 square yards @ \$1.73 per square yard
- Circle C Paving and Construction LLC 30,000 square yards @ \$1.79 per square yard
- Circle C Paving and Construction LLC 90,000 square yards @ \$1.69 per square yard

A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to approve the chip and seal bid from B & H Paving, Inc. at \$1.73 per square yard for the budgeted amount of \$70,000, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

7. City Hall Remodel Request: Presented to council was a proposed office remodel estimate. Staff explained the need for the remodel was to improve the flow of traffic in the front office area and provide some added security for personnel. The estimate included removing stem wall around basement stairs and fill in floor, install 6' service desk with counter, install new drawer fronts and cabinet doors and refinish existing cabinets in main office to match service desk, install and furnish materials for existing counter tops plus new service desk and carpet entire office including the back stairway. After some discussion, the consensus of the council was to request bids for the remodel project.

- 8. Proposal for Ellinwood Housing Study: At the March city council meeting it was discussed that a housing study would need to be completed before a housing project could be planned for the City. Staff explained that a housing assessment could possibly be done as opposed to a housing study. A housing study is normally completed if a city is planning a housing development. An assessment study is an assessment of housing needs in the designated area. The estimated cost of an assessment is around \$5,000 compared to an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 for a housing study. Staff has received one proposal for a housing assessment and is waiting on a second proposal. Council tabled the issue awaiting the second proposal.
- 9. <u>Consider Amendment to KPP Operating Agreement:</u> The Governing Body of the Kansas Power Pool is proposing changes to the Operating Agreement with its member cities. Presented to council was Resolution 41216, a resolution approving an amendment to the second amended KPP operating agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve Resolution 41216, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

10. <u>KMU Designation of Voting Delegates:</u> The annual meeting of Kansas Municipal Utilities is scheduled for May 4th through May 6th, 2016. Robert Peter is currently designated as voting delegate and David Lloyd is currently designated as alternate voting delegate. It is recommended that Chris Komarek replace David Lloyd as alternate voting delegate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to designate Chris Komarek as alternate voting delegate, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

REPORTS:

- 1. <u>Municipal Court Report</u>: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for March, 2016.
- 2. <u>Utilities Production Report</u>: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
- 3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported Pickens Restoration will be in town on Monday to begin work on the south wall of 104 N Main.

- b) Staff reported the water department is working on the pool, replacing drain line, and installing new shade covering. The street department is working on pot holes in the streets and mowing. The electric department is working on building electrical lines down to the county sand pit. Also Cody and Jon will be attending training.
- c) Staff reported the power plant is down one employee because of employee illness. The city may be looking to hire for this vacancy around the 1st of June.
- d) Staff reported the city is waiting on the survey for the railroad property and upon receipt of the survey will send a proposed contract to the railroad.
- e) Staff gave an update on the KDOT project. Originally the project was designed as two projects. The projects are now being combined into one project which puts it under federal guidelines. The state is still hopeful that bid letting will be done in May and the contract awarded before July 1st.
- f) Staff reported that easements are being worked on with landowners for the flood control project.

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 James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

	Irlan Fullbright, Mayor	
Kim Schartz, City Clerk		