

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Irlan Fullbright announced an amendment to the agenda. Item number 4, executive session will be moved to the end of the new business section after consideration of sale of city owned vacant lot.

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers James McCormick, Gaila Nielsen, Ken Lebbin, Kirk Clawson and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Councilmember Alan Brauer 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 also present.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve minutes for the June 14, 2016 regular council meeting seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

D. APPROPRIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Ken Lebbin. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

F. VISITORS: Ron & Mary Jo Cunningham, Judy Hayes, Brittney Glenn, Kevin Clair, Veronica Coons, Robert Peter, Joe Schulte, Jacque Isern,

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Darren Beckwith for his 10 years of service to the Ellinwood Fire Department.
2. Set Work Study Session for 2017 Budget Review: A study session is recommended to review the 2017 budget. Staff explained the city is still awaiting budget information from the Barton County Treasurer's office which could affect the proposed study session date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to schedule the budget review session for Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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3. Appointment of Power Plant Superintendent: Staff explained due to the recent passing of the Power Plant Superintendent David Lloyd, the mayor needs to make an appointment to that position. Mayor Irlan Fullbright recommends the appointment of James McMullen to the position of Power Plan Superintendent. Councilmember Kirk Clawson approved the appointment of James McMullen to the position of Power Plant Superintendent, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
4. Consideration of Sale of City Owned Vacant Lots: Staff explained that for sale signs have been placed on the vacant lot owned by the city at 100 N Main. Presented to council was an offer from Ben Jacobs in the amount of \$1000 to purchase the vacant lot at 100 N Main. A motion was made by councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve the offer from Ben Jacobs in the amount of \$1,000 for the vacant lot area at North Main and West 1st street, subject to the intended use noted on the offer form, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.
5. Executive Session for the Discussion of Non-Elected Personnel: An executive session is requested for discussion of non-elected personnel. A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to adjourn into executive session for (10) ten minutes for discussion of non-elected personnel with Robert Peter, city attorney, Chris Komarek, interim city administrator and Kim Schartz, city clerk present and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session 7:30 p.m. No action taken.

Kathleen Hildenbrand arrived late to the meeting to discuss potential flood control work on her property. Mayor Irlan Fullbright thanked her for coming and explained that the issue couldn't be addressed at this meeting since it was not an agenda item and media had already left. The issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to adjourn into executive session for an additional ten (10) minutes for discussion of non-elected personnel with Robert Peter, city attorney, Chris Komarek, interim City Administrator and Kim Schartz, city clerk present and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers, seconded by

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Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. No action taken

REPORTS: (These reports were given prior to executive session)

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for June, 2016.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported city workers are preparing for the After Harvest Festival. The water department is working on a project at First and Schiller and will begin splash pad work next week.
 - b) Staff reported the street department has been busy mowing, spraying mosquitos and cleaning storm drains, etc. due to the heavy rains.
 - c) Staff reported the electric department is continuing with pole replacement and assisting other departments as needed.
 - d) Staff reported a new employee has been hired for the power plant.
 - e) Staff reported the city has been awarded the Fire Act Grant for a breathing air compressor in the amount of \$23,850 with a 5% city match.

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

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk