

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Ken Lebbin, Kirk Clawson, Gaila Nielsen, Alan Brauer, James McCormick and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham, representing the Ellinwood Leader and Veronica Coons, representing the Great Bend Tribune and city attorney Robert Peter.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to approve minutes for the October 11, 2016 regular council meeting seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

D. APPROPRIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Main Street Building: This issue was tabled from the September 13, 2016 meeting to allow the Historical Society time to survey the membership regarding interest in purchasing the building. Joe Schulte, representing the Ellinwood Historical Society, thanked council for tabling the matter and providing the time to survey their members and informed council the Historical Society has declined the idea of purchasing the building. Staff explained that Chris Batchman has revoked his offer and explained that Chris McCord is continuing with his offer of \$4,000. Chris McCord then addressed council regarding his possible plan of purchasing the building with the option of renting it to the Historical Society.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to advertise and re-open a sealed bid process and take sealed bids on the building at 104 N Main until December 6, 2016 at noon, with a bid opening at 3:00 p.m. on the same day, with the highest bid accepted, thereby rejecting bids previously made. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Art Keffer, Jim McMullen, Kevin Clair, Brittney Glenn, Chris McCord, Aaron Birzer, Kevin Kramp, Joe Schulte, Judy Hayes, Janice Birzer, Mark Hammeke, Joel Rajewsky

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Aaron Birzer, Mark Hammeke and Kevin Kramp representing the Lakin township discussed problems with egg rock coming to the surface on the dirt road leading to the compost site and inquired about the timing of raising the road. Council directed Chris Komarek to negotiate the work on raising the road with Lakin Township trustees. Staff and council also thanked the township for their offer to help clean out the north drainage ditch.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Joel Rajewsky for his 10 years of service on the Ellinwood Fire Department.
2. Animal Medical Service Agreement: The City of Ellinwood currently has an agreement with Animal Medical Center, located on East Santa Fe, for animal impoundment services. Presented to council was a proposed arrangement from Animal Medical Center which includes substantial changes from the current agreement. The proposed arrangement would rent the outdoor kennel space to the City of Ellinwood for \$100 per month, with the City of Ellinwood solely responsible for the care of the impounded animals. After some discussion this issue was tabled to allow city staff to research other veterinary clinics and other options available.

H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for October, 2016.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported work on the splash pad should be completed by the end of the week. Rosie Joiner has funds for 3 additional features.
 - b) Staff gave an update on the KDOT Project. They are boring sewer lines under the highway at Wieland to the car wash and they will be milling west of Humbolt Street reducing traffic to 2 lanes.
 - c) Staff reported the First Impressions meeting was very favorable. One of the major issues discussed was signage.

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- d) Staff reported city crews have been pulled off tree trimming to begin working on Christmas lights. Staff explained the Chamber has raised approximately \$4000 toward the project. Staff thanked Judy Hayes and her committee for their work on the Christmas village which was donated by the Grandon's.
- e) Staff reported the street department has been busy street sweeping and working on the drainage ditch.
- f) Staff expressed concerns about the trash dumpster located at the compost site. The trash dumpster was placed there primarily for the disposal of trash bags, however the dumpster gets used for unauthorized items. Staff asked for direction on this issue and the consensus from council was to keep the dumpster and continue to monitor use and ticket violators.
- g) Staff reported the airport office is currently vacant. A decision will need to be made whether to winterize, pursue selling or maintain and keep it open.
- h) Staff gave an update on the flood control. The excavator has been rented and most of the trees have been taken out of the portion that we have right of way. Permits have been received for the Cunningham property to move dirt on the west side. Staff explained financing will be necessary to fund the remainder of the project. Staff will be contacting financial advisors and a bond attorney to discuss options available.
- i) City Attorney Robert Peter explained the Werner easement has been re-negotiated for \$350 a year rather than \$250.

- 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 voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk