

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Irlan Fullbright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was moved from City council chambers to the Ellinwood Community Library to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- B. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Jacque Isern, Ken Lebbin, Steve Oelke, Jon Prescott and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. City attorney Jane Isern was present.
- C. **RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Steve Oelke. Motion carried. All voting in favor.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve minutes for the February 9, 2021 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jacque Isern. Motion carried. All voting in favor.
- F. **APPROPRIATIONS:** A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All voting in favor.
- G. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**
- H. **VISITORS:** Jon Perron, Brittney Bailey, Chance Bailey
- I. **NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Mark Pohlman for his thirty years of service to the Fire Department.
 2. Sale of City Owned Property at 303 South Main: Staff reported one offer was received on the property at 303 South Main. The offer was as follows:

Cori & Garrett Hayes (not desiring the rebate program) \$1050.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the offer from Cori & Garrett Hayes in the amount of \$1050 for the property at 303 South Main, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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3. Child Development Center Request: Staff explained that St. John Child Development Center has recently been assessing their ability to keep the facility open due to financial concerns over building improvement requirements from the Fire Marshal's office. Staff further noted that positive progress has been made towards these required improvements and they are requesting city council to consider assisting with some needed sidewalk improvements at their facility.

Staff explained the City does offer a sidewalk improvement program for residents and \$5000 is budgeted for this program. Staff suggested that \$2500 of this budgeted amount could be used toward the Child Development Center sidewalk improvement project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve 50% reimbursement of materials up to \$2500 for the St. John Child Development Center sidewalk improvement project, with city crews performing installation curbside, contingent on the Center raising all funds needed for the required improvements from the Fire Marshal's office. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Humane Society Agreement: Staff reminded council that Animal Medical Center closed their office located in Ellinwood at the beginning of the year. With the closing of the impound facility, staff has been researching alternatives for animal care. Presented to council was an Animal Impoundment Agreement with the Golden Belt Humane Society.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Councilmember Ken Lebbin. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Review of Ambulance Rates: Presented to council for review was Ordinance 2021-2, regarding fees for ambulance services. As Medicare and Medicaid change their approved ambulance fees schedules, it is necessary that ambulance services also modify their fee schedules as well.

A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Oelke to approve Ordinance No. 2021-2, seconded by Councilmember Jacque Isern. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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6. General Liability, Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal: The City's general liability, property and casualty and worker's compensation insurance is up for renewal. This year's premium is \$137,422 not including ambulance liability. Amber Petz, with Jensen Associates, is working on the ambulance liability policy and the expected premium could be an additional \$7500. The total renewal premium could be approximately \$144,922 compared to \$126,650 for last year which is an increase of \$18,272 (14%). Staff explained 50% of this increase is due to an increase in worker's compensation premiums as a result of several expensive claims over the past year. This increase coupled with a vehicle accident and "normal" price increases account for the large increase in premium.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the general liability, property and casualty, and worker's compensation insurance renewal as presented, seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

7. Discussion of February Energy Emergency: Staff explained to council that at this point, there is still unknown costs associated with the extreme cold weather in mid-February relating to both the wholesale purchase of power and the usage within our own infrastructure.

At the direction of Kansas Power Pool, the city began generating Monday February 15th at 1:00 and shut down Thursday morning for a short time before starting up again Thursday afternoon and continuing until Friday morning.

Staff explained the KPP board meeting will be on March 12th at which time decisions will be made regarding passing on the additional energy costs to member cities. Kansas Power Pool February bills will be mailed out at the conclusion of the board meeting. Staff suggested to council to revisit this agenda item at the March 29th special council meeting.

8. Executive Session for Discussion of Property Acquisition Related to Flood Control: An executive session is requested for discussion of the acquisition of real property relating to the flood control project. A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to recess into executive session pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(6) for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition of real property related to the flood control project. Executive session will be for fifteen (15) minutes beginning at 9:10 p.m. until 9:25 p.m. and council will reconvene in the library at that time. Persons to

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remain in executive session are the governing body, city administrator, city attorney and city clerk seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 pm. No action taken.

9. Discussion of Property Acquisition: This issue was tabled until the March 29, 2021 special meeting at 4:00 pm.

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

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for February 2021.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the fire station building is up and city crews are working on electrical installation. Also, the curb and gutter work for the approach to the fire station is done.
 - b) Staff reported the swimming pool will be opening this season.
 - c) Staff reported that water well #5 has tested high for manganese. Additional tests are being performed.

K. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Steve Oelke. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk