

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 12, 2010
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Fullbright, McCrary, Clawson, Welch, and Mayor Koelsch. Councilmember Nielsen was absent. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham, representing the Ellinwood Leader, and Karen LaPierre representing the Great Bend Tribune.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember McCrary to approve minutes for the December 8, 2009 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Animal Vaccination Ordinance: This item was previously discussed at the December meeting in response to a request from Dr. Katherine Mountain to consider a proposed change to the rabies vaccination ordinance which would change the vaccination requirement from one to three years. Dr. Mountain was unable to attend the council meeting and has requested to be placed on the January agenda.

Dr. Mountain was present to address council regarding the proposed three year vaccination. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember McCrary to change the vaccination requirement for dogs and cats to 3 years, noting the annual pet tag requirement to remain the same, and adding the provision that the stray dog or cat would have to be tagged before being released by Dr. Mountain. Motion seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

2. Review of K-156 Signage: Presented to council were various proposed graphics for signage at U.S. 156 and Northeast 10 Road, which would direct travelers to Ellinwood. After some discussion, a graphic was decided upon with various changes noted, that would aid in the visibility of the sign from the highway.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCrary to approve the purchase of the selected signage, with the changes discussed, and the cost not to exceed \$1,000, motion seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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F. VISITORS: Mary Jo Cunningham, Nancy Baird, Karen LaPierre, Jacque Isern, Dr. Katherine Mountain, Justin Joiner.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Audit – Waiver of GAAP Reporting: The City is required to conduct an audit each year in accordance with state statute. State statute specifies that audits are to be conducted according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

State statute authorizes a municipality to pass a resolution to adopt the cash basis method of accounting and audit control. A motion was made by Councilmember McCrary to adopt Resolution 11210 authorizing cash basis audit for 2009, seconded by Councilmember Fullbright. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Nancy Baird, Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce administrator, advised council about two available signs, one east and one west of Ellinwood that the Chamber board is contemplating to promote Ellinwood. Also Ms. Baird explained that the Chamber is preparing welcome bags to be distributed to the Red Barn management team, to make them aware of the benefits of the Ellinwood community.

2. Executive Session: An executive session is requested for discussion of confidential financial matters pertaining to a private business. A motion was made by Councilmember Clawson to adjourn into executive session for 15 (fifteen) minutes for discussion of confidential financial matters pertaining to a private business and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers, seconded by Councilmember Fullbright. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:45 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to adjourn into executive session for an additional 25 (twenty-five) minutes for discussion of confidential financial matters pertaining to a private business and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 9:15 p.m. No action taken.

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H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for December 2009.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) The annual Ellinwood Chamber Appreciation Celebration is scheduled for January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Please notify the City office if you are interested in attending.
 - b) Staff reported the deadline for filing for City Council is Tuesday, January 26th at noon.
 - c) Staff reported there was a water main break at 7th Street.
 - d) Staff reported police interviews have been scheduled for January 13th and 14th, to fill the vacant police position.
 - e) Staff reported that work is being done at the power plant to upgrade the switch gear console. The estimated cost of the upgrade is \$10,000.
 - f) Staff reported the speakers on Main Street need to be replaced. The speakers are used to play Christmas music during the holidays, and for various Chamber events throughout the year, therefore the Chamber may share the cost with the City.

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

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk