

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 9, 2011
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Clawson, Fullbright, Nielsen, Rapp, Wilson and Mayor Koelsch. 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 Fullbright to approve minutes for the July 12, 2011 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor. A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to approve minutes for the July 20, 2011 special council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Mary Jo Cunningham, Michele Bryant, Bruce Bryant, Art Keffer, Chelsey Doll, Kale Clawson, Chris Komarek, Gordon Eggers, Mrs. Meisenheimer, Jacque Isern and Karen LaPierre.

Bruce Bryant was present to address council regarding the parking of his work trailer on the street in front of his house. Currently, City ordinance prohibits the parking of an unattached trailer on a public street. Mr. Bryant has asked for council to review this ordinance and possibly adapt the ordinance to allow for limited parking of a trailer on a public street.

Gordon Eggers was present to address council in regard to abandoned vehicles parked in residential yards.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Chelsey Doll for her 5 years of service to the Ambulance Department.
2. Public Hearing on 2012 Budget: As part of the adoption of each year's budget, a Public Hearing is required. Notice has been given pursuant to statute to hold this year's hearing at 7:00 p.m.

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A public hearing was held on the proposed 2012 budget. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Koelsch declared the public hearing closed.

3. Consideration of Budget for Approval: At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council considers adoption of the proposed budget. An ordinance must be passed adopting the budget. Adoption of the proposed budget does not require spending the amounts adopted; however, the adopted budget allows those amounts to be utilized when necessary.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to approve the 2012 budget as presented, seconded by Councilmember Rapp. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-4, an ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating, by fund, the budget of the City of Ellinwood, Kansas for the year beginning January 1, 2012, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clawson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-5, an ordinance attesting to the increase in taxes levied for the 2012 budget, necessary to finance public services for the City of Ellinwood, seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. KMGA Board of Directors Appointment: The City is entitled to appoint a director to the Board of the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency. An alternate director may also be appointed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to appoint Robert Peter as director and Dave Lloyd to serve as alternate director to the Board of Kansas Municipal Gas Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Delinquent Accounts Review: The auditors recommend the City annually review delinquent accounts and write off those accounts which are becoming aged. A review and write-off of older accounts provides the City with a more accurate amount of collectible accounts receivable at year end. Although the accounts are written off, the City will continue with collection efforts including referral of the accounts to the State of Kansas Setoff Program to offset against tax refunds or funds. The city's percentage of bad debts is very low and generally does not exceed one-half of one percent.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to approve the list of delinquent accounts as presented for write off, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. Councilmembers Clawson, Fullbright, Nielsen and Rapp voting aye, and Councilmember Wilson voting nay.

6. KPP Resolution: Presented to council was Resolution No. 080911, a resolution extending the City's membership in the Kansas Power Pool (KPP) to twenty (20) years, and a power purchase contract between Kansas Power Pool and the City of Ellinwood. The City is currently contracted with KPP for ten years. The reason for extending the term to twenty years is due to the proposed purchase of a partial interest in the Dogwood Generating Plant in Missouri and would enable KPP to obtain financing for the purchase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to adopt Resolution No. 080911, a resolution authorizing the execution of a power purchase contract between the City of Ellinwood and Kansas Power Pool for the purchase of electricity. Motion seconded by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to authorize Mayor Koelsch to execute the contract with Kansas Power Pool, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for July 2011.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the power plant has generated in excess of 76 hours during this generating season. Staff reported a water line project has begun on Pembroke Lane and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Staff also reported a water main break occurred on East 5th Street.
 - b) Staff reported the last full day for the swimming pool will be Sunday, August 21st. The pool will be open Monday and Tuesday, August 22nd and 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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- c) Staff reported the city's health insurance premiums have increased approximately 13%.
- d) Staff informed council of the League of Kansas Municipality Annual Conference which will be held in Wichita on October 8th through the 10th.

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

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk