

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Ken Lebbin, Alan Brauer, James McCormick, Gaila Nielsen, and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Councilmember Kirk Clawson was absent. 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 Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the January 10, 2017 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Ken Lebbin. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Coy Long, Kevin Clair, Joe Schulte, Gordon Eggers, Brittney Glenn, Jim McMullen, Judy Hayes

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Awards: Service awards were presented to the following city employees for their years of service to the City of Ellinwood. The awards were presented to:

Spencer Proffitt – 15 years – EMS Department
Anthony Schmitt – 15 years - EMS Department

Councilmember Kirk Clawson arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2. Discussion of Zoning Ordinance: Staff explained to council that there have been inquiries as to the requirements for building garages on empty lots. Gordon Eggers was present to address council regarding the placement of a garage on a vacant lot. Coy Long, a neighbor adjacent to the property, was also present to address council with concerns of allowing a garage to be placed on the vacant lot. Staff requested guidance on current regulations and the proposed draft of the zoning ordinance.

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After much discussion the issue was tabled awaiting proposed changes to the zoning ordinance which will be presented to Council for review and approval at a future meeting. After the council reviews the proposed changes, council will then recommend those changes to the Planning Commission. At that time, the Planning Commission reviews the recommended changes and then follows the process for approval of the modification to the Zoning Ordinance. Ultimately, the ordinance is submitted to the council for final approval.

3. Kansas Organization for Space Modeling Request: Presented to council was a request from the local Space Modeling Club for use of the airport to hold several rocket launch events. The dates requested are as follows:
- Saturday March 4th, Springfest Launch from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with alternate weather dates of March 18th and April 1st)
 - Saturday September 16th, Final Frontier Fun Fly from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with alternate weather date of September 30th)
 - Saturday October 14th, Rocket-tober Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with alternate weather date of October 28th.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen, subject to notification to the FAA, to approve the request to use the airport area for the rocket launches on the above requested dates, seconded by Councilmember Ken Lebbin. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Review of City Emergency Water Plan: The City of Ellinwood Water Emergency Plan was adopted in 2008. The plan needs to be reviewed and approved annually. No changes to the plan are recommended at this time. A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to approve the City of Ellinwood Water Emergency Plan, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.
5. End of Year Financial Review: Presented to council was a “Summary of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Unencumbered Cash” by fund for the year ended December 31, 2016.
6. EMS Salaries: Presented to council was a plan for a more uniform pay scale for EMS personnel based on the level of certification that each member maintains. Staff explained that several EMS staff members are making more than the hourly rates in the proposed plan therefore those individuals would not have a pay increase. The plan details are as follows:

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- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) \$12.00
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) \$13.00
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) \$15.00
- Paramedic \$16.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to approve the pay scale as presented above, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor, with Councilmember Kirk Clawson abstaining.

H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for January, 2017.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported that inquiries have been made as to the date of the Fireworks Display. He inquired if council had any objections to July 3rd or July 4th and no objections were noted.
 - b) Staff explained a representative of Sentext, a company which provides text message notifications or alerts, has been in contact with the City about the service they provide.
 - c) Staff gave an update on the drainage ditch project. He reported smaller limbs have been raked up, roots have been tore out, the Hildenbrand gound has been leveled off with graders supplied by the Lakin Township and Aaron Birzer has offered to lightly disc the draw area. Also, a seeder will be rented from the Barton County Conversation District and in the next 3 weeks the Cunningham and Hildenbrand ground will be seeded. Staff suggested a study session be scheduled in the near future regarding flood control and the funding through a bond issue.
 - d) Staff reported Jon and Chris will attend a KMU Municipal Utility Management course on Thursday.
 - e) Staff reported the power plant has to test the catalyst on the rice engines every 3 years. The test has been completed with very good results.

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- f) Staff gave an update on the KDOT Project. He reported the Hirsch street storm sewer should be completed by the end of next week. The weather is cooperating and the completion date is still October 1.

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

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk