

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

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the February 14, 2017 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron & Mary Jo Cunningham, Kevin Clair, Jim McMullen, Richard Kimple, Ryan Robl, Judy Hayes, Lawrence and Norma Robl, Jacque Isern, Jonya Dusing

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Awards: A service award was presented to Mark Pohlman for his 25 years of service to the City of Ellinwood EMS Department.
2. Scenic Byway Update: Richard Kimple, the City of Ellinwood representative on the board for the Scenic Byway committee was present to give an update on recent changes concerning the funding of the byway project and some new opportunities for the byway.

Mr. Kimple explained the committee is looking at add more members to the current scenic byway committee. He explained that Barton County continues to be supportive of the project, however the project has experienced a loss of financial support over the last couple of years from several different entities. Mr. Kimple asked council to consider a financial donation to the byway project. He also discussed an opportunity for a grant from KDOT's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and KS Scenic Byways, which is an 80/20 match with federal funds which means the grant would pay for up to 80% of eligible project costs, with the City being responsible for the remaining 20%. The City of Ellinwood would be an

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eligible applicant and would need to apply for the grant. Eligible projects would include bike lanes, widened outside lanes or roadway shoulders, traffic signs, new sidewalks, etc. Mr. Kimple extended an invitation to council to attend a Byways Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 4th at the Wolf Hotel.

3. Chamber of Commerce Request: Jacque Isern, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce was present to request use of city facilities for the After Harvest Festival on July 13th through 15th. As outlined in her letter to the council, facilities requested include the practice football field, swimming pool, City Park, Wolf Park, Wolf Pond, Worman Field and the city streets for the 5K run. Ms. Isern also explained to council that the majority of the AHF events have been moved to the City Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the use of the city facilities for the After Harvest Festival as requested above, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

4. 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 \$117,136 compared to \$117,314 for last year. Staff explained this quote does not include the premium for liability insurance for the splash pad which will need to be added.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ken Lebbin to accept the general liability, property and casualty, and worker's compensation insurance renewal as presented, with the adjustment for liability on the splash pad, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for February, 2017.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.

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3. Staff Reports:

- a) Staff gave an update on the KDOT Project. He explained the digging on the retention pond will continue for approximately 3 more weeks. The utility line portion of the project is going very well. The new lift station has been completed and is up and going. He reported South Main will be closed for a few days. Staff has also placed some barricades to try and eliminate some of the truck traffic on the brick streets
- b) Staff reported the Fire Department has been busy assisting with the area fires. A truck and 2 firefighters were sent to the east side of Hutch on Saturday and then assisted on Sunday with the Rice county fires. Wednesday and Thursday the department assisted the Great Bend fire department with area fires.
- c) Staff reported that he and Cody Waite will be attending a Fire school Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
- d) Staff reported the street department will be picking up tree limbs again on Wednesday from the high winds last week. Staff also reported the water way has been seeded.
- e) Staff reported the water department has been working on the sidewalk around the splash pad and will be working on installing the new splash pad features. The power plant has replaced two relays on the engines.
- f) Staff reported that he and Kim attended a FEMA Meeting last Friday for the ice storm.

- 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 James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk