

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**APRIL 13, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Councilmembers Fullbright, Nielsen, Clawson, Welch and Mayor Koelsch. Councilmember McCrary 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 Fullbright to approve minutes for the March 9, 2010 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Neighborhood Revitalization Plan: Presented to Council was a revised map of suggested areas to be included in the program, based on input from the last meeting. Also presented to council was information about the plan adopted by Great Bend, which includes two different designated areas, with each area having a different rebate formula. After much discussion, council directed Robert Peter, city administrator to draft an ordinance for review at the public hearing to be held April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**F. VISITORS:** Mary Jo Cunningham, Karen LaPierre, Justin Joiner, Debbie Glenn, Rick Wilson, Branden Rapp, Chris Komarek, Jacque Isern, Nancy Baird.

**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:

Bob Baker – 5 years – Fire Department  
Debbie Glenn – 20 years – Ambulance Director  
Tony Trarbach – 20 years – Fire Department

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2. Public Hearing on Neighborhood Revitalization Plan: The first of two public hearings was held on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan at 7:15 p.m. Patrons present asked for some clarification on specific points within the plan and expressed concerns that the general public does not understand the details of the program. After hearing public comment, Mayor Koelsch declared the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.
3. Chamber Request: Nancy Baird, Jacque Isern and Justin Joiner, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce were present to request use of city facilities for the After Harvest Festival on July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Facilities requested include the practice football field, City Park, Wolf Park, Wolf Pond and the city streets for the 5 and 10K run.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to approve the request from the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce to use city facilities as requested above, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Nancy Baird explained that the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of updating City brochures, and requested the City to help fund the cost of the brochures. Ms. Baird also passed out a new brochure that was developed by the Chamber and geared to bird lovers and hunters. The Chamber absorbed 100% of the cost of these brochures. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to contribute \$1,000 to the brochure fund for the Chamber to spend as needed for brochures. Motion seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

4. Resolution Authorizing Hazard Mitigation Plan: Presented to Council was Resolution No. 41310, a resolution authorizing EFM Consulting, LLC. to prepare a hazard mitigation plan on behalf of the City of Ellinwood, Kansas. Barton County has received grant funding to develop a hazard mitigation plan, therefore the cost of the plan will be entirely paid by the county grant. Under new requirements of FEMA, a mitigation plan must be adopted by all taxing entities in order to qualify for FEMA assistance in the event of a disaster.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clawson to approve Resolution No. 41310, seconded by Councilmember Welch. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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5. 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 \$104,558 compared to \$104,270 for last year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to accept the general liability, property and workers compensation insurance renewal as stated, motion seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

6. Emergency Preparedness Manual: Presented to Council for review was an updated Emergency Preparedness Manual. The Emergency Preparedness Manual is also recommended by FEMA and will be a part of the hazard mitigation plan currently being developed by Barton County.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clawson to adopt the Emergency Preparedness Manual, 2010 revision, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

**H. REPORTS:**

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for March 2010.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
  - a) Staff reported that city crews have started cleaning out the draw north of town.
  - b) Staff reported a sewer issue on Hirsch between the building owned by Tony Trarbach and the liquor store. The problem is fixed for now, but future problems could develop because of the age of the infrastructure.
  - c) Staff explained the EMT class at the high school may not continue next year because of the switch to traditional scheduling.
  - d) Staff reported the electric department is working on changing out some electric poles on Old Manor Road and Pembroke Lane. City crews will begin painting the pool, and installing the steps. The north water tower was inspected this week and everything was okay. The street department is still working on alleys and spraying. The power plant is getting ready for the operating season.

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e) Staff reported he will be attending a CDBG meeting on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in Salina.

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 present voting in favor.

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Frank Koelsch, Mayor

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Kim Schartz, City Clerk