

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 14, 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 Nielsen to approve minutes for the May 10, 2011 regular council meeting seconded by Councilmember Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Mary Jo Cunningham, Karen LaPierre, Jason Mayers, Terry Brown, Dave Lloyd, Rick and Coleen Bowman, Art Keffer and Chris Komarek.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. View Water Department Equipment: Chris Komarek brought the water utility truck and the “leak trailer” to the City Office for council to view. Mr. Komarek showed council the equipment and tools that are kept in the truck and trailer and explained that when a water line break occurs, the trailer is rigged to be ready to move on site immediately with all necessary equipment in place.
2. 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:

Rick Bowman – 25 years – Electric Department
Spencer Proffitt – 5 years – Water Department
3. Presentation by Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball: Jason Mayers and Terry Brown representing Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd were present to address the governing board of the Ellinwood Community Foundation and provide information regarding administration and investment opportunities for the Ellinwood Community Foundation.

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4. Annual Appointment of Department Directors: As provided by City Code, the Mayor, with consent of council, may appoint the city officers/directors.

The following Department Directors are recommended for appointment:

Gary Oglesbee	Street & Parks Superintendent
Chris Komarek	Electric Distribution Superintendent
Dave Lloyd	Electric Production Superintendent
Art Keffer	Chief of Police
Kim Schartz	City Clerk
Donna Mason	City Treasurer
Robert Peter	City Attorney
Jane Isern	Municipal Judge
Chris Komarek	Fire Chief
Debbie Glenn	EMS Director
Robert Peter	City Administrator
Chris Komarek	Water/Wastewater Superintendent

A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to approve annual appointments of Department Directors as presented, seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Approval of 4th of July Fireworks Display: The past several years the City has joined with other community members to provide a fireworks display for the community and surrounding area. Donations are received from local businesses and individuals to help defray the costs to the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fullbright to approve the 4th of July fireworks display to be held on July 3rd, with an alternate date of July 4th in the case of inclement weather, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. SBX Cooling Tower Proposal: Presented to council was a proposal from Midwest Machinery KC in the amount of \$54,450 for replacement of the primary cooling tower at the power plant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson to approve the proposal of \$54,450 from Midwest Machinery KC for replacement of the cooling tower at the power plant, seconded by Councilmember Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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7. Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease: The city's lease on the postage machine is due to expire. Presented to council for review was a proposed lease for a period of 60 months at \$1188.00 per year. The cost of the previous lease was \$1152.00 per year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nielsen to approve the Pitney Bowes lease of a postage machine for a period of 60 months at \$1188.00 per year, seconded by Councilmember Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

H. REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for May 2011.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported that KDOT has announced the approval of the K96 project from Nickerson to north of Sterling.
 - b) Staff reported the tractor used at the compost site has transmission problems, and the hydraulic pump on the hustler mower went out.
 - c) Staff reported the street department is working on the sidewalk north of Wolf Park, and doing a curb and gutter job in front of the post office. The electric department is working on underground lines and replacing poles. The power plant generated 2 to 3 hours because of storm damage.
 - d) Staff reported some damage to the street at the 500 block of East 5th due to equipment used by a tree trimmer. This area of the street was in need of repair before this incident and he explained the street department is going to patch it for this year.
 - e) Staff reported work is continuing at the sewer treatment plant. Brackets have been placed on the containment structure.
 - f) Staff reported that Tom Starnes has been hired for seasonal mowing, and Chantz and Cole Clawson have been hired as seasonal help to assist with various water and electrical projects.

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g) Staff is continuing to work on the budget, awaiting information from the County. He is still working on fencing issues within the new zoning ordinance, and a meeting with the planning commission will be held in the near future.

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