

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 9, 2013
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Irlan Fullbright, Kathy Hines, Gaila Nielsen, Rick Wilson and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham and Karen LaPierre representing the Ellinwood Leader and Great Bend Tribune.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve minutes for the March 11, 2013 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Councilmember-Elect Alan Brauer, Kevin Clair, Chris Komarek, Art Keffer, Dennis and Carol Lebbin, Ken Lebbin, Nancy Baird, Mike Urban, Dave Humphrey, Rob Fisher, Karen LaPierre and Rob Dove

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Awards: A service award was presented to Carl Isern for his 15 years of service to the City of Ellinwood Fire Department.
2. Chamber After Harvest Festival Request: Nancy Baird, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce was present to address council about blocking off the west side of the grade school on Schiller Ave. from 6th Street to Bonita Drive from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on April 27th for a bike rodeo.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to allow the blocking of Schiller Ave. from 6th Street to Bonita Drive on April 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Nancy Baird was also present to request the use of city facilities for the After Harvest Festival on July 18th through July 20th. Facilities requested include the practice football field, City Park, Wolf Park, Wolf Pond and the city streets for the 5 and 10K run. Ms. Baird also informed council of the request to move the beverage tent to the north end of the swimming pool parking lot.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve the move of the beverage tent to the north end of swimming pool parking lot and to approve the request for use of the city facilities as requested above, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

3. Former City Landfill Issues: The former city landfill was located on South Main just to the north and west of the current river bridge. The landfill was closed in the late 70's or early 80's. In 1995, the landfill was repaired using EPA grant funding. The City owns the property and still has an active permit through the State of Kansas for a closed landfill.

ATV's have crossed over the river bank in two areas and have exposed tin and other debris associated with the landfill. An inspection of the entire landfill now indicates that the dirt cover is compromised and there are numerous areas where concrete, glass and other debris is exposed. Complaints have also been received from drivers about the ATV's crossing the road in front of traffic.

Staff is requesting council to consider prohibiting access to the property by the general public. Concerns were expressed over prohibiting access to the river for recreational vehicles. After much discussion, the issue was tabled for future discussion.

4. General Liability, Property & 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 \$118,024.00 compared to \$103,681.00 for last year. Rob Fisher, representing Jensen Associates, Inc. explained that part of the increase was attributed to storm losses nationwide over the last two years which has dramatically affected the reinsurance market.

A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to accept the general liability, property and casualty, and worker's compensation insurance renewal as presented, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Replacement of Bleachers at Worman Field: Presented to Council was a quote from Terra Bound Solutions in the amount of \$21,070 for two sets of bleachers with a walkway in the middle with a seating capacity of 130 for each set of bleachers. Previous discussion had included a limited replacement of just the seats, risers and walkways utilizing the same framework, however it appears this would cost substantially more and the steel frame would need to be sandblasted and painted with ongoing maintenance in future years.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve the quote from Terra Bound Solutions in the amount of \$21,070, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. Appointment to KMEA Board of Directors: Each year the City has to renew appointments to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors. Robert Peter and Dave Lloyd currently serve as Directors and Mayor Koelsch is the alternate. Dave Lloyd and Frank Koelsch's appointments are for a two year term which will expire in April, 2014. Therefore, Director #1 needs to be appointed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to appoint Robert Peter, Director #1, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

7. Executive Session: An executive session is requested for discussion of acquisition of property. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for discussion of acquisition of property and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers. Councilmember Gaila Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 9:00 p.m. No action taken.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for March, 2013.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the press box and bleachers at the Midget League field have been removed. The sewage outfall line work has been completed. New doors have been installed at the restrooms at the City Park. The new playground equipment has been ordered, with a 3 week delivery date. The city will be ordering a handicap lift for the swimming pool at an approximate cost of \$6,000. Staff also reported that Tom Starnes has been hired back to do seasonal mowing. Dare graduation at St. Joseph School will be on April 14th.

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- b) Staff reported the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will be holding a community meeting on April 30th at the EMS building to discuss the Santa Fe Street rebuild. KDOT will meet with local city officials from 3:00 to 4:00 and then meet with the public from 4:00 to 6:00.
- c) Staff reported a revision to the previously approved lots at the airport. Dennis Lebbin will not be leasing the ground at the airport, therefore, Rob Dove has requested to transfer his approved lot to the lot previously approved for Dennis Lebbin.
- d) Staff reported a new computer server has been installed at the City office and routine IT maintenance has been performed by Kelly and Mason Fann, (daughter and son-in-law of Robert Peter). Staff requests council to approve the use of Kelly and Mason Fann as needed for IT assistance. A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve the use of Kelly and Mason Fann as needed for IT support, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

- 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 Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk