

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Irlan Fullbright, Kathy Hines, Alan Brauer, Rick Wilson and Mayor Frank Koelsch. Councilmember Kirk Clawson was absent. 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 Irlan Fullbright to approve minutes for the September 10, 2013 council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

D. APPROPRIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Mary Jo and Ron Cunningham, Lloyd Kurtz, Basil Dannebohm, Chris Komarek, Karen LaPierre.

Basil Dannebohm and Lloyd Kurtz, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce, were present to request permission to place a Christmas tree with lights in the band shell over the Christmas season. Mr. Dannebohm explained the lighting of the tree would be held on December 1st. A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve the request to place a Christmas tree in the band shell over the Christmas season, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Councilmember Kirk Clawson arrived.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. KMGA Board of Director Appointments: The City is entitled to appoint a director to the Board of the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency. Robert Peter is the current director and his term is due to expire. Dave Lloyd is the alternate director on a permanent term.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to appoint Robert Peter as director, seconded by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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2. Health Savings Account Contributions: Currently the City contributes \$150 per month to an employee's health savings account for eligible employees with single health coverage, and \$200 per month for eligible employees with employee/spouse, employee/child and family coverages.

A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to continue the contributions as state above for the period of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

3. Approval of Cafeteria Plan Document: Presented to Council was a restated plan document for the City's cafeteria plan as provided by TASC, the administrator of the City's cafeteria plan. In order to comply with IRS regulations, it is necessary to adopt this plan document. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to adopt the cafeteria plan document as presented, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Hines. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. County Tax Sale: Staff informed council of several tracts of land scheduled for sale at the annual county tax sale. One of the properties is on Santa Fe and the City sewage outfall line runs under the existing structure. The other tracts are the 2 buildings at 1st and Main, which the City may want to consider demolishing if acquired. Staff will be present at the auction to protect city interests and liens.

5. Request for Fun Run on City Streets: Presented to Council was a request from Chris McCord to have a 5K run on October 19th. Proceeds to benefit the Wolf Hotel restoration and the food bank. The run would begin at 6:00 p.m. Staff has requested that Mr. McCord obtain special event insurance coverage per the recommendation of our insurance carrier.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to allow Chris McCord to have a 5K run on October 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. RICE Compliance: Staff explained the catalytic converter that was to be used to bring the Worthington engine into compliance was not measured correctly. The catalytic converter could be used to bring the OP engine into compliance. The original cost for the Worthington engine upgrade was \$141,100. The original cost to bring the OP engine into compliance was \$111,000, compared to a current cost of \$120,000. Staff requests council to consider updating the OP engine into compliance rather than the Worthington engine if the total cost would not exceed the original quote of \$111,000.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Irlan Fullbright to allow Robert Peter to negotiate for the best possible cost to bring the OP engine into compliance not to exceed \$111,000, as originally quoted, and not bring the Worthington engine into compliance. Motion seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

7. Chamber Request to Place Christmas Tree in Bandshell: This item was addressed under the visitor section of the agenda.

At this time Mayor Koelsch recognized a late visitor, Donita Goosen. Ms. Goosen was present to inquire as to the City's plans to address the flooding issue.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for September, 2013.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the requests for qualifications have been sent out to several engineering firms for the flood study.
 - b) Staff reported city crews will be tree trimming the next three weeks and then working on Christmas lights. Employees will also be taking vacation leave from now until the end of the year. Staff reported the underground electrical lines north of 7th street have been completed.
 - c) Staff reported the owner of the home at 3rd & Wieland may be deeding the house to the City at which time the City would demolish it. The owner said he would need 60 days to get his personal belongings out of the house.
 - d) Staff explained he will be gone much of the month of October with the LKM annual conference, KPP executive conference and an economic development conference.
 - e) Staff reported Nancy Baird will be having a fall festival in Wolf Park on October 19th.
 - f) Staff reported the EMS department is still having an issue with staffing even after hiring the part-time help.

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- g) A request was made to close 1st street by the United Methodist Church on October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for trick or trunk. A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Hines to approve closing 1st Street by the United Methodist Church on October 31st for the time listed above, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

Frank Koelsch, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk