

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Alan Brauer, Kirk Clawson, Gaila Nielsen, James McCormick, Rick Wilson and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham representing the Ellinwood Leader and Veronica Coons representing the Great Bend Tribune.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve minutes for the December 8, 2015 regular council meeting and December 14, 2015 special council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. 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 James McCormick. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Jason Maddox, Chris Komarek, Judy Hayes

Judy Hayes thanked the council for the water hydrant installed for the Community Garden.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Award: A service award was presented to Chris Komarek for his 20 years of service as Fire Chief to the City of Ellinwood Fire Department
2. City Audit-Waiver of GAAP Reporting: The City is required to conduct an audit each year in accordance with state statute. State statute specifies that audits are to be conducted according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

State statute authorizes a municipality to pass a resolution to adopt the cash basis method of accounting and audit control. A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to adopt Resolution 11216-A authorizing the cash basis audit for 2016, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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3. Resolution of Support for MACO Development Co., LLC: Jason Maddox, a representative from MACO Development Co., LLC was present to explain the company's plans to acquire and rehabilitate the Ellinwood Heights Apartments subject to securing financing. Presented to council was Resolution 11216-B a Resolution of Support for MACO Development Co., LLC in regard to their plans to acquire and rehabilitate the Ellinwood Heights Apartments located on South Bismark Avenue.

Also presented to council was a Referral Agreement between the Ellinwood Heights Apartments and the City of Ellinwood which states that city employees will assist in referring potential renters to Ellinwood Heights apartments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to adopt Resolution 11216-B, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to accept the Referral Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Resolution to Adopt Barton County Mitigation Plan: Presented to council was Resolution 11216-C, a resolution adopting the South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. The City must have an adopted mitigation plan to qualify for disaster aid from FEMA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to adopt Resolution 11216-C, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Ordinance to Change City Election Cycles: Presented to council was Charter Ordinance No. 8, an ordinance changing the City's election cycle. A new law was passed during the 2015 Kansas legislative session which requires all elections for city offices to be held in November, instead of April.

A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 8, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. Councilmembers, Alan Brauer, Kirk Clawson, James McCormick and Rick Wilson voting yea and Councilmember Gaila Nielsen voting nay.

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5. Executive Session: An executive session is requested for the discussion of matters related to attorney-client privilege, with Robert Peter, city attorney present. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes for discussion of matters subject to attorney-client privilege, with Robert Peter, city attorney and Kim Schartz, city clerk present and that the council meeting will reconvene in the council chambers, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 7:50 p.m. No action taken.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for December, 2015.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the Kansas Gas Service project of moving residential gas meters has been completed. The H&B Communications cable work is primarily done, except for the area affected by the KDOT project. Staff reported that city staff will be working on the alleys this spring.
 - b) Staff reported the deadline for filing for council is January 26th at noon.
 - c) Staff reported the 2009 Crown Victoria police vehicle and a pickup utility bed have been sold on Purple Wave. The City will be receiving \$1750 for the police car and \$400 for the utility bed.
 - d) Staff reported Tim Welch will no longer be leasing the office at the airport.
 - e) Staff reported a contractor has not yet been hired for the scout cabin roof. Staff will be working to come up with a plan for repairing the roof.
 - f) Staff reported the "KMU Day at the Capitol" is January 19th if anyone is interested in attending.

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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 Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk