

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 9, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve minutes for the January 12, 2016 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Judy Hayes, Curtis Wolf, Dale Masden, Chris Komarek, Art Keffer, Jim McMullen, Marquita Boehnke, Sandra Belford,

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Award: Service awards were presented to the following city employees for their years of service to the City of Ellinwood. The awards were presented to:

Jim McMullen – 20 years – Fire Department
Sandra Belford – 15 years – EMS Department

2. Vehicle Ordinance: Monty Strecker has requested a hearing before the Governing Body to address a Vehicle Nuisance letter regarding 2 vehicles parked behind his building at 108 N Main Street. Mr. Strecker is unable to attend the meeting and has requested the hearing be rescheduled for the March council meeting.
3. Kansas Wetlands Education Center Annual Report: Curtis Wolf, Site Manager of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC) was present to give an update of the KWEC. The center continues to offer a wide range of programs to the public and schools. Total contacts increased 3% over the previous year, with almost 24,000 total contacts in 2015.

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4. Kansas Organization for Space Modeling Request: Presented to council was a request from the local Space Modeling club for use of the airport to hold several rocket launch events. The dates requested are as follows:

- Saturday March 19th, Springfest Launch from 10am to 5pm (with alternate weather date of April 2nd).
- Saturday July 30th, Cosmosphere Extreme Camp Launch with KOSMO from 10am to 5pm
- Saturday September 3rd, Final Frontier Fun Fly from 10am to 5pm (with alternate weather date of September 17th)
- Saturday October 15th, Rocket-tober Fest from 10am to 5pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the request to use the airport area for the rocket launches on the above requested dates, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

5. Proposal for Painting Inside City Hall: Presented to council was a proposal from Steinert Painting II to paint the inside of City Hall. The proposal amount of \$3340 includes removing the wall covering and painting the front office area and stairway and remove wall covering in rear office and painting of rear office, rear hallway, stairway and two doors.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the proposal from Steinert Painting II in the amount of \$3340, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

6. End of Year Financial Review: Presented to council was a “Summary of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Unencumbered Cash” by fund for the year ended December 31, 2015.

7. Review of City Emergency Water Plan: The City of Ellinwood Water Emergency Plan was adopted in 2008. The plan needs to be reviewed and approved annually. No changes to the plan are recommended at this time. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the City Water Emergency Plan, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

8. Request to Replace Police Firearms: Presented to council was a request from Police Chief Art Keffer to replace 8 handguns, including holsters and pouches at a total expense of \$5,354 plus shipping charges. The cost of the guns would be offset by a trade-in value of \$255 per gun, bringing the net cost of the new firearms to \$3,314 plus shipping charges.

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A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to approve the purchase of 8 firearms at a net cost of \$3,314 plus shipping charges, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

9. Consider Adopting KMU Strategic Assistance and Mutual Aid Agreements: The Kansas Municipal Utilities organization is requesting the City of Ellinwood participate in a new mutual assistance arrangement which includes investor owned and rural electric cooperative in addition to other municipalities. Presented to council was the Kansas Electric Utilities Task Force Strategic Assistance Agreement and a Mutual Aid Agreement with the American Public Power Association.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the Kansas Electric Utilities Task Force Strategic Assistance Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the American Public Power Association Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for January, 2016.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported he has met with JR Robl and Justin Joiner and explained they are in the process of applying for grant money and tax credits through the Kansas Department of Commerce to build five duplexes in the City at a cost of approximately 1.4 million. If funding is secured, a housing study will be done in the area.
 - b) Staff reported the Caseys construction is going well.
 - c) Staff reported a new gas service has been completed at the power plant.

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- d) Staff reported the pre bid conference with the utility relocation project was today and six contractors were present at the meeting. The bid opening is scheduled for February 19th, with work to begin 30 days after the notice to proceed is received. The substantial completion date is June 1st, with the final completion date set for July 1st.
- e) Staff reported Nelson Stone is scheduled to complete the demolition of the Main Street building this Thursday, February 11th.

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 present voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk