

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve minutes for the February 9, 2016 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Marquita Boehnke, Judy Hayes, Rosie Joiner, Kathy Hines, Mel Waite, Vicky Dayton, Ken Lebbin, Dale Masden Jacque Isern, Rob Dove, Justin Joiner, Brennan Steinert

Ken Lebbin requested an update on the flood control. City Administrator, Bud Newberry explained that will be addressed in his staff report.

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:

Mark Pohlman – 25 years – Fire Department

Tony Schmitt – 15 years – Fire Department

2. Housing Opportunities Presentation: Vicky Dayton, Executive Director of Housing Opportunities, Inc. presented information to the Council about their organization and plans for future development within the City of Ellinwood. She explained the first step in this process is to conduct a housing market study.

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3. Moderate Income Housing Proposal: Justin Joiner was present at the meeting to address council to discuss a possible Moderate Income Housing Project for Ellinwood. The program assists communities, via housing developers, to respond to housing issues. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis annually for an amount up to \$500,000. Housing developers obtain funding to supplement a primary loan for the development. Mr. Joiner agreed the first step in a possible housing project is to conduct a housing study.

4. Barton County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan: The Golden Belt Community Foundation received a Healthy Communities Initiative grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. The coalition, Be Well Barton County, was formed and operates under the Central Kansas Partnership. The Be Well Barton County coalition developed a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan. Mel Waite, coalition member was present to provide details and general goals of the plan. The coalition requested the council adopt the Barton County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and provide installation of bike racks, supplied by the coalition, in designated areas within the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to adopt the Barton County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and approve the installation of bike racks, supplied by the coalition, in designated areas within the City, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

5. Chamber of Commerce Request: Jacque Isern, Chamber of Commerce administrator, presented a request for the use of city facilities for various activities in conjunction with the June Jaunt event to be held June 4th. Jacque Isern explained the Chamber is also working on a possible Fly-in at the airport during June Jaunt.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Wilson to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for the use of city facilities on June 4th for the June Jaunt, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. Cereal Malt Beverage Application: The City has received a cereal malt beverage application from Caseys General Store for license issuance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the cereal malt beverage license application for Caseys General Store, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

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7. Consider Bid for Utility Relocation Project: Presented to council was the bid of \$3,362,480.70 from Nowak Construction Company for the water/sewer relocation project. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,983,044. KDOT has requested the City formally reject this bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember James McCormick to reject the bid from Nowak Construction Company in the amount of \$3,362,480.70 for the city's Water/Sewer Relocation Project, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

8. General Liability, Property and 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 \$117,314 compared to \$118,024 for last year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to accept the general liability, property and casualty, and worker's compensation insurance renewal as presented, seconded by Councilmember Rick Wilson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

REPORTS:

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for February, 2016.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the city has received an estimate from Devine Masonry in the amount of \$3100 for repairs to the Main Street building during demolition. Staff has also talked to Pickens Restoration and their plan is to begin the work on the south wall of the building around the first of April.
 - b) Staff gave an update on the KDOT Project. With both bids being rejected the proposed plan is to combine the utility project with the street and storm sewer project. The plan is to rebid the project in late March or early April and have a contractor in place by May.

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- c) Staff gave an update on the flood control. Kevin Clair and Bud Newberry will be meeting with Township trustees on Thursday evening to finalize plans on the elevation work on the airport road. The rest of the project will require the cleaning of approximately thirty to forty inches of sediment from the natural drainage channel running from west of Road NE 100, east to Road NE 120. The city is in the process of obtaining easements from the five property owners involved in the project. All engineering work is complete and once the easements are filed, the city will, with assistance from EBH, begin the process of letting bids for the work.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk