

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Gaila Nielsen, Ken Lebbin, 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 Ken Lebbin to approve minutes for the September 13, 2016 regular council meeting, subject to the change of the wording on item 7, from permanent easement to temporary easement and approve minutes from the September 19, 2016 special council meeting, seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. 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 Alan Brauer. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance Renewal: This issue was tabled from the September 13, 2016 meeting. The consensus of the council was to renew the current BlueCare Premier SG Choice policy dependent on funding the 20% premium increase. Council had requested staff to calculate the effect of utilizing the 3% budgeted increase for raises into the equation to see if it would bridge the gap between the 20% premium increase and the 10% that was budgeted. Staff also reminded council that the premiums include the dental package that has been approved in the past.

Presented to council was a summary of three scenarios which could fund the 20% increase in the health insurance premiums:

- City pay 100% employee coverage and continue to pay 85% dependent/spouse coverage and apply 2% budgeted raise toward health insurance increase.
- City pay 100% employee coverage and reduce contribution for dependent/spouse coverage to 77% and apply 1% budgeted raise toward health insurance increase.
- City pay 100% employee coverage and reduce contribution for dependent/spouse coverage to 70% with no percentage of raises toward health insurance.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve the renewal of the BlueCare Premium SG Choice policy and the dental insurance policy and to approve the city contribution of 100% for employee premiums and 77% contribution for dependent/spouse premiums and to apply 1% of the 3% budgeted raise toward the health insurance increase. Motion seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

F. VISITORS: Ron and Mary Jo Cunningham, Mark Chesney, Terry Boor, Dennis Lebbin, Roch and Cori Miller, Rob Dove, Brittney Glenn, Jon Perron, Judy Hayes, Jacque Isern

Terry Boor addressed council regarding golf carts and rules of operation, specifically children operating golf carts.

Roch Miller addressed council regarding junk cars and junk property at 210 East D Street.

Rob Dove reported the First Impression Meeting will be held on October 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Commons Area.

Dennis Lebbin inquired about wind turbines.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. KPP Update: Mark Chesney the CEO and General Manager of the Kansas Power Pool was present to provide an update on the activities of the power pool. Mr. Chesney reported that wind energy is 20% of the electrical portfolio of the KPP.
2. Chamber of Commerce Request: Jacque Isern and Rob Dove, representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce were present to request the use of Wolf Park for the annual Christkindlmarket, including the use of the band shell for the Christmas tree on Sunday December 4th.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to allow the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce to utilize Wolf Park for the Christkindlmarket on Sunday, December 4th, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor

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3. Vision Service Plan Renewal: Presented to council is the renewal of the Vision Service Plan. The renewal premium is remaining unchanged at \$17.93 per employee per month. A motion was made by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen to approve the renewal of the Vision Service Plan, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

4. Executive Session for the Acquisition of Property: An executive session is requested for discussion of acquisition of property. A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to adjourn into executive session for (10) ten minutes for discussion of acquisition of property with Chris Komarek, interim city administrator 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 8:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. No action taken.

5. Consideration of Grant of Permanent Easement: Presented to council was a Grant of Permanent Easement between the City of Ellinwood and Kathleen Hildenbrand. The agreement grants a permanent easement for a 60 foot wide strip of channel. The channel is to be excavated to determined elevation to assist in flood management. The payment for the permanent easement would be \$11,150 which is \$2,500 per acre for 4.46 acres. The channel will be planted to non-invasive grass and will be maintained by the City. The City has right of ingress and egress to work on the channel and maintain it. The agreement provides for payment for damaged crops for ingress, egress, or maintenance work.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alan Brauer to approve the Grant of Permanent Easement and authorize Mayor Irlan Fullbright to execute the agreement with Kathleen Hildenbrand, seconded by Councilmember Gaila Nielsen. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

6. Consideration of Grant of Temporary Easement: Presented to council was a Temporary Easement Agreement between the City of Ellinwood and Kathleen Hildenbrand. The agreement allows use of the property for removal of trees and vegetation in the channel and adjoining channel and burning of such at an agreed location. Debris from the burning is to be removed within 2 years. The agreement also provides for payment of damaged crops. The agreement provides for a payment of \$500 per year until the project is complete and debris from burning is removed.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the Temporary Easement Agreement and authorize Mayor Irlan Fullbright to execute the agreement with Kathleen Hildenbrand seconded by Councilmember James McCormick. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

H. REPORTS: (These reports were given prior to executive sessions)

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for September, 2016.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reminded council of the First Impression meeting on October 20th, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Commons Area.
 - b) Staff reported the new ambulance will be picked up this week. He also reported tree trimming has been done the last couple of weeks and will continue for at least another two weeks and then work will begin on the Christmas lights.
 - c) Staff explained the fire department has visited the schools during fire prevention month, including preschool and story hour.
 - d) Staff gave an update on the KDOT project which is continuing to work on the water line on the east side of Ellinwood and starting to put storm sewer pipe on the south side of highway.

- I. 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 Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk