

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Irlan Fullbright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Jacque Isern, Steve Oelke, Jon Prescott, and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Councilmember Ken Lebbin was absent. City attorney Jane Isern was absent. Attorney Bob Suelter was present at the meeting in Jane's absence to provide legal counsel if needed. Also present was Mary Jo Cunningham and Karen VanBrimmer representing the Ellinwood Leader.

Mayor Irlan Fullbright announced a change to the agenda, adding item #4, consideration of Flexible Spending Account Benefit. A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve minutes for the August 13, 2019 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

D. **APPROPRIATIONS:** A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Oelke to authorize payment of bills and claims processed, seconded by Councilmember Jacque Isern. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

E. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

F. **VISITORS:** Brittney Bailey, Chance Bailey, Jon Perron, Spencer Proffitt, Sean and Lesli O'Neill, Karen VanBrimmer, Joe Schulte, Jordan Waite, Rob Dove, Don Moos, Jodie Fisher

Jordan Waite representing the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce addressed council and explained they would like to host a Ladies night out, October 19th, and would like to offer wine at the various open locations. City Administrator Chris Komarek explained this will be an agenda item at the October 8, 2019 meeting.

Sean & Lesli O'Neill addressed council regarding a permit for placing a fence on their property and explained that they were unfairly denied the permit. Staff explained this issue will be addressed at a Planning Commission meeting in September.

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G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Service Awards: A service award was presented to Don Moos for his 35 years of service to the Fire Department and his 30 years of service to the EMS Department.
2. Kans for Kids Proclamation: Mayor Irlan Fullbright signed a proclamation hereby proclaiming September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”, and encourages all citizens to honor childhood cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers and remember the children who have lost their lives to this devastating disease. Jodie Fisher, representing Kans for Kids, was present and expressed their appreciation to the community for their support.
3. Health Insurance Renewal: The City’s health insurance policy is up for renewal on November 1st. Currently the City has the Gold Level Blue Care Premier SG Choice Plan, which is a traditional health insurance package with a \$1500/\$3000 deductible, 20% coinsurance, office copays and prescription copays and a maximum out of pocket of \$4500/\$9000.

The premiums for this policy are aged based, therefore, every employee’s premium is different. Currently the City pays 100% of the employee premium, including dental and 77% of the premium for spouse and dependents. The renewal premium for the current health and dental insurance has increased 8.04%. The 2020 budget included a 10% increase for health insurance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the renewal of the Blue Care Premier SG Choice policy and the dental insurance policy and to continue the city contribution of 100% for employee premiums and 77% for dependent/spouse premiums. Councilmember Steve Oelke seconded the motion. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

4. Consideration of Flexible Spending Account Benefit: The City currently contracts with Total Administration Services Corporation (TASC) to provide a Premium Only Plan (POP), Section 125 plan to provide employees the opportunity to deduct their share of the health insurance premiums pretax. Employees have expressed interest in adding a Healthcare FSA and Dependent Care FSA benefit to the existing Section 125 plan. This would provide employees the opportunity to deduct medical expenses and dependent daycare expenses pretax. Presented to

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council was a proposal from TASC to add the Healthcare FSA and Dependent Care FSA for an annual fee of \$500.00 plus a monthly fee of \$4.40 per each participant in the plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the addition of the two benefits and authorize staff to prepare the paperwork necessary to implement the additional benefits, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

5. Executive Session for Discussion of Property Acquisition for Utility Easement: An executive session was requested for discussion of the acquisition of real property for a utility easement. A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Oelke to recess into executive session pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b) (6) for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition of real property for a utility easement. Executive session will be for fifteen (15) minutes beginning at 7:55 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. and council will reconvene in the council chambers at that time. Persons to remain in executive session are the governing body, city administrator and city attorney. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jon Prescott. Motion carried. All present voting in favor. The governing body recessed into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 pm. No action taken

REPORTS: (These reports were given prior to executive session)

1. Municipal Court Report: Presented to Council was the Municipal Court Report for August, 2019.
2. Utilities Production Report: Presented to Council was the Utilities Production Report.
3. Staff Reports:
 - a) Staff reported the work on the slough north of town has been completed. Rye grass has been planted to fulfill a temporary purpose, with permanent grass to be planted in the spring. Staff thanked Lakin Township for their assistance on the project.
 - b) Staff reported city crews are finishing up summer projects, working on pole replacement, replacing Christmas lights and mowing. City crews will begin tree trimming the middle of October.

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- c) Staff reported the Power Plant has still been doing some generating and diesel fuel will need to be purchased before the end of the year.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Steve Oelke. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk