

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL: Members present were Councilmembers Kirk Clawson, Ken Lebbin, Steve Oelke, Jon Prescott and Mayor Irlan Fullbright. Councilmember Jacque Isern was absent. Jane Isern, City Attorney was also present.

C. RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Jon Prescott to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 Budget Study Session and Approval of Budget for Publication:
Presented to council was the proposed 2022 budget with a proposed total mill levy of 53.589 mills, which exceeds the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 53.579 as calculated by the Barton County clerk. The notice of intent to exceed the RNR was approved by council at the 7/13/2021 council meeting and the notice was provided to the Barton County clerk by the 7/20/2021 deadline.

After review of the proposed budget, a motion was made by Councilmember Kirk Clawson to approve the budget as presented for publication and to set the public hearing date for the RNR hearing and budget hearing for August 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Steve Oelke. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

2. Discussion of City Sales Tax: Staff explained any potential city sales tax increase will need to be voted on and the amount of the increase and the intended use of the increase would need to be provided to the Barton County Clerk in September for placement on the November, 2021 ballot. After much discussion, the consensus of council would be to implement a .5% city sales tax increase to be split 50% for infrastructure, streets, curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements and 50% for general government operations to benefit the City of Ellinwood. Council directed legal counsel to draft a resolution with such wording to be reviewed at the August 10, 2021 meeting.

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F. **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 Kirk Clawson. Motion carried. All present voting in favor.

Irlan Fullbright, Mayor

Kim Schartz, City Clerk