

January 13, 2020

Mayor Mark Kennedy called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on the above date in the 900 Room at the Ellsworth Municipal Golf Course. Members present were Jessica Kootz, Stephen Magette, Tyler Renard and Wayne Scritchfield. Council Member Mary Soukup was absent.

Also, in attendance were Patrick Hoffman, Attorney; Emil Halfhill; Police Chief; Joe Travnichek, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Delvin Bettenbrock, Street Superintendent; Stacie Schmidt, Director, Ellsworth County Economic Development; Carol Torkelson, NCRPC; Jon Halbgewachs, Kirkham Michael Engineers; Clint and Sarah Freeman, K & K Carwash, LLC; Linda Denning, Ellsworth County Independent Reporter and Darcy Hansen, Council Member-elect. A Sign-In Sheet of others in attendance is attached to the Agenda for this meeting.

After questioning if the Kone Maintenance Fee is a recurring expense Booher explained the fee pays for a monthly maintenance inspection, Magette motioned to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Claim Ordinance A01-1219. Renard seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Magette motioned to approve the purchase from Berry Tractor parts and materials to repair the street sweeper to in an amount not to exceed \$4,200. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye Motion carried.

The Clerk administered The Oath of Office of Governing Body Member to Darcy Hansen and Jessica Kootz.

Magette motioned to authorize the Mayor to submit a request to Kansas Department of Commerce for a Time Extension and Budget Amendment of the CDBG Neighborhood Rehabilitation Program. Renard seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Kennedy appointed Hoffman to serve as the City's Representative to the North Central Regional Planning Commission. Renard motioned to approve the appointment. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Renard motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for Project No. 27 KA-5586-01 Cost Share for Roadway Reconstruction (K-156 and E. Eighth Street Intersection to Charles Street.) Magette seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Magette motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Water Supply Permit Application for Water Supply System Improvements; PWS Well #10. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Kootz motioned to approve to purchase from Home Lumber of a double carport to protect the courtesy cars at the airport in an amount not to exceed \$1,200. Magette seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Hoffman will prepare easements for drainage between the 700 block of E. Second Street to E. North Main Street.

Renard motioned to approve a Change Order from 2D Construction for additional work in rehabilitating the concession stand at the Recreation Complex in an amount not to exceed \$825. Hansen seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

The Freemans spoke in favor of expanding the TIF District in order to extend water and sewer to their property in to order build a car wash at 508 Evans Street.

The following ordinance was presented for action:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS, ADDING AREAS TO AN EXISTING REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH (ELLSWORTH REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 2011).

Renard motioned to approve the ordinance. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried. The Ordinance was numbered 3100.

Renard motioned to have the Water/Sewer Superintendent request bids for the extension of sewer service to 508 Evans Street. Magette seconded the motion, when put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Renard left the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Bettenbrock reported the streets in the Canren Addition will remain dirt. He then requested Council direction as to whether to obtain bids for Hot Mix for the roads in the Memorial Cemetery. He will proceed with seeking cost estimates.

Magette moved to approve repairs on the Water/Sewer Department backhoe in an amount not to exceed \$4,200. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Kootz motioned to approve the purchase of 47 radio read meters in an amount not to exceed \$21,000. Hansen seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Magette motioned to approve the installation of a sewer service in the alley between Sixth, Eighth and Blake Streets in an amount not to exceed \$10,500. Kootz seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

Booher provided information relating to ongoing and upcoming projects.

Schmidt thanked Council for their support in applying for 1 2020 Census Media Grant Application. The requested amount was awarded.

Halfhill has purchased a TV for the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Magette motioned to adjourn to Executive Session with Hoffman and Booher to discuss individual employees' performances and return to the open meeting at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the closed meeting is to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Hansen seconded the motion. When put to vote, all vote aye. Motion carried.

The Council returned to the open meeting at 7:30 P.M. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until January 27, 2020.

Patti L. Booher, CMC
City Clerk