

**Eudora City Commission Meeting**

City Hall – 4 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eudora, Kansas  
February 22, 2021  
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Tim Reazin

Vice Mayor Ruth Hughes                      attended virtually

Commissioner Jolene Born                      attended virtually

Commissioner Roberta Lehmann              attended virtually

Commissioner Tim Bruce                      not present

Quorum noted.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes or additions to agenda

**Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the agenda as written**, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Consent agenda items

- A. Consider minutes of the February 8, 2021 Eudora City Commission meeting
- B. Consider minutes of the February 15, 2021 Eudora City Commission special meeting
- C. Consider warrants against the City of Eudora

**Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the consent items**, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Public comments

Public comments were invited, and none were heard nor submitted.

Business Items

- A. Consider 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Eudora Chamber of Commerce report

The City Commission tabled the item to be added to a future Commission meeting agenda.

- B. Consider Tower Lease Agreement with KwiKom Communications

City Manager Matite stated conversations with KwiKom started up again in 2020 with the CARES Act funding after discussions stopped in 2018 between KwiKom and the City. He stated he knew KwiKom was still interested in Eudora so they reached out to see if they would be able to provide additional internet access to residents in the city and students that were outside the city limits, but in the Eudora school district to aid with internet access.

Matite added when it became apparent through guidance with the CARES Act funding that funds needed to be spent by December 31, 2020, which would not allow enough time for the project to be

completed. The City was able to reallocate some money for the engineering of the proposed project though.

A tower lease agreement was submitted to the City with a proposed \$1500.00 per month lease payment for the use of all three towers, which was \$500.00 less than the tower lease agreement that was presented to the City in 2018.

Jacque Fluker with KwiKom stated the proposed \$1500.00 lease payment is at the upper end of what they could pay for the use of the towers.

Vice Mayor Hughs asked how much the City paid in engineering costs. Matite stated it was approximately \$10,000.00 which was needed so KwiKom could submit the permit applications and get approval for the proposed project.

All Commissioners voiced concern about the lower monthly lease amount but were not against the project and what it could provide to Eudora.

The Commission discussed raising the lease to \$1800.00 and Fluker stated KwiKom would be ok with that amount.

**Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the Tower Lease Agreement between the City of Eudora and KwiKom Communications, at the agreed upon price of \$1800.00 per month and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement,** motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Mayor and City Commission Comments

**Mayor Reazin** stated he heard from Vice Mayor Hughs that previous City Administrator, John Harrenstein's son passed away last week and asked staff to send flowers.

**Commissioner Bruce** did not attend meeting.

**Vice Mayor Hughs** – No comment.

**Commissioner Born** – No comment.

**Commissioner Lehmann** – No comment.

City Manager and Staff Comments

**City Manager Barack Matite** congratulated Jeff Rhodes and Lauren Freeman for their work on the 10<sup>th</sup> Street grant project where the City was awarded approximately \$1.1 million to add a sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Church Street to Peach Street.

Matite also noted that Rhodes is having conversations with the property owners on Church Street that will be affected by the construction and there will be a town hall on March 4, 2021.

At next week at the Planning Commission meeting, they will review the Wendy's plan.

City Management Analyst Jeff Rhodes stated that CARES Act funding has officially closed from the county and state prospective. The city has also been given the green light to close out the first round of Community Development, Block Grant (CDBG-CV) that was assistance handed out last summer.

He invited the City Commission to the town hall on March 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**City Management Fellow Lauren Freeman** – No comment.

**Director of Public Works Branden Boyd** – No comment.

**Police Chief Wes Lovett** – No comment.

**Fire Chief Ken Keiter** – No comment.

**Parks & Recreation Director Sally Pennington** stated that there are 250 kids signed up for spring soccer. They are looking for coaches currently. She stated that they are adding a disc golf league as well.

She congratulated Jimmy Kegin for being placed on the national board of directors for Esports.

**City Clerk Pam Schmeck** – No comment.

**Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission recess to Executive Session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes and return to at 8:12 pm**, motion seconded by Commissioner Lehmann, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Police Chief Wes Lovett was asked to remain in the room for Executive Session.

Mayor Reazin brought the meeting back to order at 8:12 pm.


**Mayor Reazin moved to adjourn**, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.



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Tim Reazin, Mayor



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Eric Strimple, Billing Specialist