

Council Chambers
City Hall
September 5, 2006
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Don Reed presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Donald Button, Jack Wallace, Sheila Backstrom, Justin Begnoche, Lanny Crawford, Sharon Brown and Charles Smith present.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the Council. Copies of the minutes of the previous Public Utilities Commission meeting were presented.

Cash balances for the month of August 2006 were presented month of August. were presented.

Expenditures with balance of the budget for the

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3141, 3142, and 3143, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, that these ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call this motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present. Councilmember Smith was excused from the meeting, because he owns Landshark Pools, until voting was over. Mr. Smith then rejoined the meeting. Landshark Pools had a claim in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3143.

City Attorney, Mike Ryan, presented two items for action

A Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 10 thru the 16th as "National Assisted Living Home Week" was read and reviewed by the Council. Mr. Ryan stated the Proclamation is appropriate to adopt. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to adopt the above-mentioned proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1407 entitled "A RESOLUTION STATING THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 951 SHERMAN, AND DESCRIBED HEREIN, IN THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED AND SAID PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1407 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill L. Callaway, representing the Public Utilities Commission appeared before-the council. Mr. Callaway gave a report of a study the Commission has done to finance the 7.8 million dollar water treatment plant. The city is authorized to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds at approximately 5% interest or borrow from the State Revolving Fund at approximately 3.6% interest. Kansas Rural Water Association has been retained to make the application for the revolving fund loan, which is the cheapest way to borrow the funds needed. The revolving fund requires a 1.1 million-dollar reserve to go along with the loan.' If the city would pledge their taxing authority toward the project, if needed, there would not be the 1.1 million-dollar requirement in reserve. This taxing authority pledge would save money and help hold the water rate down for residents. If the city agrees to the pledge of taxing for the loan, a hearing will need to be held and a Resolution passed to make this pledge in effect. Mr. Callaway would like council approval by taking action to approve the pledge.

Deb VanAken appeared before the council to complain about water standing in the street at the 6th and Washington Street intersection. Several years ago when Highway #15 was recurbed and overlaid it created a bigger problem at that intersection. The city has been aware of this problem for quite some time and does not know an inexpensive way to repair. City will try to fix the problem in the future but for now will have the street department keep the intersection cleaned out.

Cathy Haney, representing the Clay County Historical Society, appeared before the council asking for a donation for their annual Re-enactment Festival to be held on October 21 and 22, 2006. Ms. Haney handed out information showing the estimated income and expenses for the festival. The festival has a name change to Living History/Re-enactment Festival this year. The City has donated \$200.00 in the past years to the festival. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to donate \$200.00 to the festival. The motion carried unanimously.

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Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, that the city pledge its taxing authority for the financing of the new water treatment plant. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution and hold a Public Hearing for the October 1 th council meeting in regard to meeting the requirements of the State Revolving Fund Loan program. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department- Low tree limbs over some city streets in the city have caused damage to fire trucks.

Cemetery-Cemetery has ten more pine trees that have died because of a disease and need to be removed. It will cost approximately \$500.00 to remove each tree.

Liahts. Water. and Sewer-A bid proposal for a sewer trailer and nozzle kit from Seller Equipment Company was reviewed.

Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, to purchase a Dual Reel TV/Jet Trailer for \$74,480.00 and Enz Combo Nozzle Kit for \$3,790.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Buildina Permits- Moved by Council member Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the following building permits.

Gale Lloyd for a 24' x 24' garage and 9' x 13' porch at 421 Lane Street Kevin Radke for a new house at 703 Hillcrest Drive.

Marcene Walker for a roof to a 10' x 13' patio at 815 Lincoln Avenue.

The motion carried unanimously.

Building inspector and other designated departments did not approve one building permit.

Mayor Reed, Councilmember Brown and City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, are planning on going to the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference on October 7 thru 10, 2006. The Gity is entitled to have two voting delegates and two alternate voting delegates to the business meeting of the conference. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to appoint Mayor Reed and Councilmember Brown as voting delegates and Mr. Wohler as alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business-Councilmember Brown announced that the Youth Academy will be held October 19, 2006. There will be a limit of 15 youth that can participate.

Councilmember Backstrom stated she would like a report from department heads estimating their increased cost of maintaining the proposed housing development on north Ninth Street.

Each Councilmember received a letter from EDG urging SOfleone from the' council to attend a Community Development Leadership Academy program. The Academy will be held in the Farm Bureau building in Manhattan. The Clay County Board of Commissioners will pay the registration fee for one Councilmember.

Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adjourn the meeting. carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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Calvin Wohler

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