

Council Chambers
City Hall
November 6, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Steve Fox, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Butch Hess, Charles Smith, Connie Jordan and Jack Wallace 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 October were presented. Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of October were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of October were \$6,305.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3200 and 3201, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, 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.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read "Thank You's" from:

Abilene Chamber of Commerce for \$200.00 donation to their fund raiser for the City of Greensburg.

CCCHS Student Council for the City's support of their homecoming parade and saving space for stage on 5th Street.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, reported on the following items for information or action.

Mr. Ryan stated there would be a need to have a Public Hearing at the next meeting to hear comments from residents on North 8th Street. The residents will be sent assessment letters soon for their cost of the curb and paving on 8th Street from Liberty to Franklin Streets. The Public Hearing notice needs approval and published as soon as possible. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to approve a Public Hearing for street assessment on November 19, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2207, entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR THE RE-CONNECTION OF ELECTRICAL OR WATER SERVICE, IN THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-115, 15-116, 15-117, 15-223, 15-241 AND 15-307 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, REPEALING SAID EXISTING SECTIONS.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt Ordinance No. 2207 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmembers Fox, Begnoche, D. Hess, Baker, B. Hess, Smith, Jordan and Wallace voted "yea" and no Councilmember voting "nay".

Resolution No. 1430, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COST-BASED FORMULA RATE AGREEMENT FOR BASE LOAD REQUIREMENTS ELECTRIC SERVICE BETWEEN WESTAR ENERGY, INC. AND THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1430 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk presented a 2007 Electrical License for Electriccraft, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas for approval. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the above mentioned business license. The motion carried unanimously.

Three representatives from Kansas Department of Transportation appeared before the Council to present information about the viaduct replacement at some future date. The proposal for removing the viaduct and replacing it with a new bridge is a long range project to be done by KDOT. KDOT representative Dale Hershberger explained that two different

detours have been tentatively designed but would like the City to approve one or the other. One detour would be a "shoofly" along the south side of the current viaduct and the other would bring traffic to Court Street and 3rd Street. After hearing the pros and cons of each detour it was moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to recommend that KDOT use the Court and 3rd Streets as the detour routes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown gave a report from the Negotiating Committee in regard to the Center Heights development. A revised agreement has been received in concept with a few changes to be made yet. A final draft of the development agreement will be presented in a Special Council Meeting on November 15, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. This will speed up the process for getting the land approved for a TIF district. The necessary agreement and resolutions will be presented for approval at the Special Meeting.

Mayor Brown presented the following years of service awards.

Ten Years	-	Sharon Brown
	-	Susan Carlson
	-	Chris Pederson
Fifteen Years	-	Ned McMahan
	-	Steve Cooper

All employees were present except Steve Cooper.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Mayor's compensation was discussed at length. Mayor Brown had asked for more compensation due to her working more hours. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess to raise the Mayor's pay from \$1,260.00 per month to \$1,750.00 per month. The motion did not pass. Councilmembers Begnoche and D. Hess voted "yea" and rest "nay".

Laws and Ordinance-Councilmember B. Hess reminded the Councilmembers of the City code for making purchases of \$3,000.00 or more.

Fire Department-Department needs to purchase another five pagers. They want to purchase a pick-up at the beginning of next year. Fire Chief is making a grant application for a new imaging camera. The burn site is open again. A pay adjustment has been made for the Fire Chief.

Streets and Alleys-Mayor Brown presented the name of Greg Jensen, who was recommended by the Committee to be hired as the Street Commissioner to replace Gary Wachsnicht. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to accept the appointment of Greg Jensen as Street Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously.

Fall Clean Up will begin on November 13, 2007 at the north end of town.

The Catholic Church will be paving their parking lot west of the Parish Hall and would like to repave the alley next to the parking lot. The Church would like the whole alley paved and the City help pay for half, or \$3,600.00. Council does not feel it needs repaved but we could patch. Church may repave anyway at no cost to the City.

City Parks and Pool-Committee received bids for a new mower. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to trade in a used Grasshopper mower for a new one from Bruna Equipment at a cost difference of \$5,600.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Work will begin soon on the bathhouse remodeling.

Lights, Water, and Sewer-Committee received three bids for the Skid Steer Loader less trade in. The bids were:

Bruna Equipment	-	\$19,995.00
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KanEquip	-	17,485.00
CTI (John Deere)	-	16,385.00

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to accept the bid from CTI for \$16,385.00. Discussion about the need to purchase followed. After a while Councilmember B. Hess called for the motion. The motion carried. Councilmembers Begnoche and D. Hess voted "nay".

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the following permits:

Beverly Lang for a 12' x 16' deck at 711 Lafayette Street.

Michael Holte for a 13 ½ ' x 10 ½ ' storage shed at 611 6th Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Preparedness-Councilmember D. Hess read a report in regard to the City being prepared for disasters. D. Hess attended a program in Wichita for elected officials of governments. Federal government is pressuring local governments to become NIMS compliant. The County will be working with the City on this training.

Some City representatives will be attending a meeting on emergency preparedness in the ESA building, being put on by the County. The meeting will be held November 8th, 2007.

Police Advisory-Police Chief, Bill Robinson, and Police Officer, Brian Probst, attended a week long training session to learn how to deal with drug problems.

Committee received one bid for the old police car. The bid was for \$585.00. The bid was determined to be too low and was rejected.

Old Business-Fire Chief, Jon Siemers, reported that Public Utilities employees have started removing and restoring tornado stands for sirens.

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