

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
April 17, 2007  
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, Jonathan Coberly and Charles Smith present.

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

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of March 2007 were \$5,965.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3173 and 3174, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Smith, 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.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented a Proclamation to be adopted. The Proclamation proclaims April 26, 2007 as Arbor Day in the City of Clay Center and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Mr. Ryan has reviewed the Proclamation and recommends it be adopted. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt the above mentioned proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

City resident, Melvin Griggs, appeared before the Council expressing concerns about the water treatment operation the City has approved to be built. Mr. Griggs believes each home owner should decide themselves if they want reverse osmosis water in their house. The concern is that a lot of water usage does not need to be treated water. Mr. Griggs believes the cost is too high for the treatment facility. The Council thanked Mr. Griggs for sharing his concerns.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Streets and Alleys**-The lease quote for a New Holland LW130 wheel loader was again reviewed. The quote is from KanEquip Inc. of Clay Center. The committee is proposing a four year lease with an option to buy for one dollar at the end of the lease. First payment due would be next year but committee would also like a quote with the first payment to be made this year. Moved by Councilmember Crawford, seconded by Councilmember Button, to accept a four year lease on the above mentioned loader. The motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery**-Committee would like to have some crack filling done by Hein Construction of Fairbury, Nebraska. Hein Construction is now working in the area and can do this work at a less cost to the City if done now instead of later. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, to accept a bid from Hein Construction for \$1885.00 to fill cracks in cemetery entrance road. The motion carried unanimously.

**Lights, Water and Sewer**-Bids will be opened on May 1, 2007 for a street repair project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The repairs are needed because of the city sewer project in the southeast part of the city.

**Building Permits**-Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve a building permit for Joe Ferguson d/b/a 5J,LLC for a 300 sq. ft. addition at 308 Court Street. The motion carried unanimously.

**Airport**-An engineering agreement with BWR of Kansas City was reviewed. The agreement is for engineering work at the Airport for a mill and overlay project to the runway scheduled for 2008. The estimated cost of engineering is almost \$70,000.00 and the city's share is 5%. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the engineering agreement between the City and BWR. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith announced that the Airport will be closed tomorrow, (April 18, 2007) and Thursday morning for the repainting.

**Insurance**-Committee reported that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield premiums would decrease at the anniversary date

of July 1, 2007. There will be some changes in coverage and types of contracts issued.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, stated the City needs a new Dual Signature Check Signer machine. The current machine is no longer made nor is parts available. A quote from Central Office Service and Supply is for a new electric check signer for \$960.00. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase a new signature check signer. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Brown has been elected Mayor for the next four years and has made a request for a computer and necessary operating equipment. A quote from Central Office for a laptop computer, software, printer and carrying case would cost \$1,522.00. Council believes some of the prices could be negotiated to a lower amount. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, to spend up to \$1,500.00 for a computer system for the Mayor's office. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Brown abstained.

**New Business**-Street Commissioner, Gary Wachsnicht, presented information concerning crack sealing on Highway #15 and downtown streets. If the crack sealing is done now it would extend the life of these streets. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to accept a bid from Hein Construction for \$35,000.00 to crack seal Highway #15 and the downtown streets. The motion carried unanimously.

This being Mayor Reed's last council meeting he thanked the community for allowing him to serve them for thirty years, 17 years as a Councilmember and 13 years as Mayor. He said, "He will cherish the memories and enjoyed the people he worked with over the years." Mr. Reed stated that God has other plans for him and he plans to enjoy life and have fun.

Moved by Councilmember Coberly, seconded by Councilmember Crawford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

There will be a five minute recess and then the new Council and Mayor will have a meeting.

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8:30 P.M.

Council met in a reconvened session after the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers were sworn in by the City Clerk. Sharon Brown was sworn in as Mayor. Connie Jordan, Steve Fox, Daton Hess and James Hess were sworn in as councilmembers.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sharon Brown and roll call showing Councilmembers: Connie Jordan, Jack Wallace, Steve Fox, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess, James Hess and Charles Smith present.

Mayor Brown welcomed the new councilmembers to the Council.

Mayor Brown announced that the May 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting will begin with a work session at 7:00 p.m. The work session will be used in part to review the committee assignments.

Mayor Brown informed the Council that she plans to be in the Mayor's office forty hours per week. She would like to participate in the city's benefit programs if Council approves. This will need to be voted on at the next council meeting, (May 1, 2007).

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, gave a brief summary of open meeting regulations as per State Statute.

Mr. Ryan stated there should be an update on the proposal to the developers for the Center Heights sub-division at the

next meeting.

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