

Council Chambers
City Hall
April 3, 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.

Cash balances for the month of March 2007 were presented. Expenditures and Revenue reports with balance of the budget for the month of March were presented.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3171 and 3172, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Brown, 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 several items for information and/or action.

A Proclamation proclaiming "April as Fair Housing Month in Clay Center" was presented for review. Mr. Ryan has reviewed the proclamation and recommends it to be adopted. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the above mentioned proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The sale price of the new 2007 Code Book was discussed. Mr. Ryan recommends \$50.00 per book should cover the city's cost of a book.

Mr. Ryan presented a copy of a letter to councilmembers sent to him from Kutak Rock LLP of Kansas City, Missouri. The letter explains a legal process being undertaken by Presbyterian Manors, Inc. (PMI) to get approval of \$25,000,000.00 in refunding and improvement bonds from the City of Wichita. \$2,500,000.00 of the bond money is scheduled to be spent at the Clay Center, Kansas facility. Other cities around the state will also receive improvement funding from the bonds. If each city enters an "Interlocal Cooperation Agreement" with the City of Wichita a separate bond issue will not be needed in each city. The normal notice of a Public Hearing must be published and a Public Hearing held. Kutak Rock LLP will be sending the necessary documents and action requirements that the city must approve.

Committee reports were as follows:

Streets and Alleys-Information was presented to lease a New Holland LW130 wheel loader. A four year lease would be \$22,748.84 per year or a five year lease would be \$19,429.29 per year. Action tabled until next meeting.

A list of streets needing repairs was presented by Street Commissioner Gary Wachsnicht.

City Parks and Pool-Bids were received for a concrete fuel containment system in the Parks Department. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to accept a bid from Ram Exterminators for the concrete work in the amount of \$687.00. The motion carried unanimously.

City Property-Several individuals want the "Welcome to Clay Center" sign in the triangle park on north Highway #15 be replaced. Two different designs were passed around to review. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to select the brick designed sign for the city. The motion carried unanimously.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Backstrom, to approve the following permits:

John and Deanna Read for a 24' x 30' garage at 37 Dexter Street.
Clinton Davies Sr. for an 8' x 16' storage box at 824 Bridge Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business-City has not heard from the developer in regard to the proposed agreement to develop the Center Heights addition to the city. Council debated about a time limit to be given to the developer to answer the development proposal. Moved by Councilmember Button, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to give the developer of Center Heights another thirty days to answer the city's proposal, and if there is no response the city will withdraw the proposal. The motion carried 6-2. Councilmembers Begnoche and Coberly voted "nay".

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