

Council Chambers
City Hall
June 5, 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, James Hess, Charles Smith, Connie Jordan and Jack Wallace present.

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

Cash balances for the month of May were presented. Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of May were presented.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3179 and 3180, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, 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, opened the meeting for a Public Hearing to listen to public comments concerning an interlocal agreement with the City of Wichita in regard to a \$28,000,000.00 revenue bond. The revenue bond will be issued by the City of Wichita so each city that has a project for Presbyterian Manors does not need to issue a bond in that City. Clay Center Presbyterian Manor will receive approximately 2.5 million dollars in updates. The notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Clay Center Dispatch. No one appeared before the Council to speak about the bond. The Public Hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 1420, entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000,000 PURSUANT TO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, AS ISSUER, AND THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, AS PARTICIPANT.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to adopt Resolution No. 1420 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, presented two fireworks stand licenses for approval.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve a Sale of Fireworks license for Dan P. Bunjer, d/b/a Ka-Boomers from PO Box 86, Wahoo, Nebraska to sell fireworks at 821 West Crawford Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve a Sale of Fireworks license for Amanda J. Hudson, d/b/a Jakes Fireworks, Inc. from 689 Hwy 69 S., Pittsburg, Kansas to sell fireworks at 626 West Crawford Street. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Jordan abstained.

Before the Council Meeting and at the 7:00 p.m. work session, Mr. Orval Howell appeared before the Council to explain a housing development plan for the Center Heights addition. Mr. Howell is a house builder from Lawrence, Kansas and would like to build houses for the Commercial Group. Commercial Group is the development company for Center Heights. Mr. Howell would like to have the City move forward with the TIF financing for the infrastructure for Center Heights. Mr. Howell's plan would be to build 30 to 33 houses and a senior citizens complex in the southeast corner of the Center Heights addition. Infrastructure, both inside and outside the addition, would still need to be determined who will be responsible for what. The discussion ended at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed a development agreement that had been presented by Orval Howell. The TIF program was discussed at length. More study is needed before any action will be taken in regard to any vote taken on the development agreement.

Steve Blackwood, representing the Roping Club appeared before the Council to request that an agreement be made with the City to have 13 head of cattle be placed on fairground property again this year. The Agreement to be for the dates of April 1, 2007 thru November 1, 2007. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith,

to approve the agreement with the Roping Club. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Matteson, representative for the Clay Center Area of Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council to request the annual \$2,000.00 in dues. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to grant the request from Mr. Matteson. The motion carried 6-1-1. Councilmember B. Hess voted "nay" and Councilmember Baker abstained.

Mr. Matteson also asked permission to close Fifth Street from Dexter Street, then south to the alley between Court and Lincoln Avenue for a Harvest Festival the evening of June 16, 2007. The street would be closed from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to grant the request to close Fifth Street as stated above. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Baker abstained.

Mayor Brown has received a request from the Clay County Extension Office to once again have a Farmers Market on the west side of the Courthouse on Fifth Street this summer. The markets would be held beginning July 7th and end around October 1st. The Farmers Market is held in the parking only and the street does not need to be closed. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to grant the above request from the Extension Office. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Laws and Ordinance-Committee reviewed the intersection of 8th and Court Streets and decided with information from the Police Department that stop signs are needed there. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to install stop signs on 8th Street (north/south traffic) with Court Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee to review placing stop signs along 15th Street.

City Parks and Pool-The pool vacuum approved at the last meeting for \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 ended up costing more than \$2,300.00. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to approve the total cost of the pool vacuum at \$2,371.85. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee asked for an opinion from Mr. Ryan in regard to Councilmember Baker working part-time at the Pool. Mr. Ryan stated there does not seem to be a conflict, due to the low number of hours Councilmember Baker will work.

The sign on Dexter Street with pool information needs to be replaced. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to purchase a new sign with a ten year warranty at a cost of \$200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Lights, Water and Sewer-Committee met to discuss the overlay project on Ninth Street as part of the southeast sewer project.

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

Dail Smith for a 20' x 24' garage at 2408 7th Street.

Terry Fleming for a 20' x 20' shed at 420 9th Street.

The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember D. Hess abstained.

Emergency Preparedness-Committee with the help of Fire Chief, Jon Siemers, has received bids for a new set of storm sirens. The recommendation of the Committee is to purchase four storm sirens from Storm Sirens Inc. at a cost of \$11,000.00 each or \$44,000.00. Public Utilities Commission will install the sirens. Homman Electronics of Abilene, Kansas will do the wiring hook ups at a total estimated cost of \$5,596.00. Clay County Commissioners have agreed to pay \$12,500.00 for the sirens. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to purchase a new set of storm sirens for a total cost of \$49,596.00 less county reimbursement of \$12,500.00 from reserve funds if needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Insurance-Committee met with City's insurance representative, Robert Heilman of Heilman Insurance Agency, recently. The City's 2007-2008 liability and property insurance policies were reviewed. The actual premium has gone down even though the valuation of assets has gone up. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve 2007-2008 insurance premium of \$21,896.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Advisory-Police Department will need to buy a light bar for the new police car. The new light bars uses less electricity than the old light bars and should conserve fuel. Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase a new light bar from OMB's Express Police Supply at a cost of \$1,450.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown informed the Council that they should consider changing the July 3, 2007 Council Meeting back one week to July 10, 2007 because of the fireworks display in Clay Center on July 3rd. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to move the July 3rd Council Meeting to July 10th. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business-Mayor Brown has received a letter from Kansas Shrine Bowl in regard to their All Star Football game on July 28, 2007. Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius is encouraging City's to declare July 28, 2007 as Kansas Shrine Bowl Day. CCCHS has three students participating, Matt James as a football player and Kyle and Dalton Converse as team managers. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to proclaim July 28, 2007 as Shrine Bowl Day. The motion carried unanimously.

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