

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
October 21, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Charles Smith, Butch Hess, Connie Jordan, Jack Wallace, Steve Fox and Justin Begnoche 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.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of September were \$3,809.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3248 and 3249, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, that these Ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call the motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read a "Thank You" from Lyle Ross. Mr. Ross received a forty year award from League of Kansas Municipalities at their annual conference in Wichita on October 13, 2008. Mr. Ross has worked for the Public Utilities department for all forty years.

Mr. Wohler showed the Council a Silver Star certificate award the City received from KMIT at the League conference. KMIT is the City's workman's compensation insurance carrier. The Silver Star certificate is an award for taking steps to reduce injuries to employees which in turn entitle the City to receive a premium discount.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented a Proclamation for approval. The Proclamation proclaims the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> thru October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as National Business Women's Week. Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to adopt the above mentioned Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk presented three license applications for approval.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve an Electrical Business License for Precision Electrical Contractors, LLC of Salina, Kansas. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve an Electrical Business License for Heineken Electric Co., Inc. of Beloit, Kansas. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to approve a Tree Trimming License for James and Cathrine Bieker d/b/a Stone Ridge Tree Service. The motion carried unanimously.

Clay Center resident, Brandon Bush, appeared before the Council asking for more traffic control around the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets. Mr. Bush lives in this area and states that traffic travels too fast. There are many children that live in this area. There used to be a four-way stop at the above mentioned intersection and the neighborhood would like to have them reinstalled. Mr. Bush presented a signed petition from all but one resident in that area stating they would like this problem resolved. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to make the intersection at 8<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets a four-way stop again. The motion carried unanimously.

Max Smith, representing a group of motorcycle riders called, American Legion Riders Post 101, appeared before the Council with a request. On November 9, 2008 the Riders are having a fund ride to collect toys for the Lighthouse for Christ. The request is to have a City Police escort them on a chosen route through the City that has been selected by the Riders. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to allow the Police Department to escort the Riders on November 9, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Ways and Means**-There was discussion about how the one half of alcohol tax money can be spent. The half that must be placed in a Special Park and Recreation Fund. The state statutes are not clearly defined as to how the funds can be paid out. Council will decide on each request for funding out of this account if it should be allowed.

**Streets and Alleys**-Fall clean up will start November 10, 2008. Fall clean up will be for yard and garden waste only.

**City Property**-Committee met to review bids from roofing contractors. The City has received damage to the roofs of seven City owned buildings. Allied Insurance, the City's insurance carrier, has offered to replace these roofs. The two bids received were from McGee Roofing for \$82,122.76, and Geisler Roofing for \$79,875.00. There was a discussion about hiring local contractors versus out of town contractors. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to accept the Geisler bid of \$79,875.00. There was a tie vote of 4-4. Councilmembers D. Hess, Baker, Jordan and Fox voted "yea" and Councilmembers Smith, B. Hess, Wallace and Begnoche voted "nay". Mayor Brown voted "yea" to break the tie.

Two bids were received for the demolition of the house at 616 McBrathney. The bids were from 5 Creeks for \$5,850.00 and Ronnie Deil for \$4,300.00. Because the scope of the work is quite different the bids will be approved at the next Council Meeting after they are studied further.

**Lights, Water and Sewer**-Committee will meet before next Council Meeting to review applicants for the WasteWater Superintendent position.

**Building Permits**-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to approve the following two building permits:

James J. Hess for a 12' x 21' carport at 401 Bridge Street.

Russell S. Hackett for a 10' x 14' addition to house at 1007 Court Street.

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

**Emergency Preparedness**-Fire Chief, Jon Siemers, presented information about the purchase of a new UHF radio system. New FCC regulations will mandate that the old 25khz band radios must be replaced by 12.5khz band radios by January 1, 2013. The City has a need to replace the radio system now so going to a new band would be good timing. The City needs twenty-four mobile radios, four stations and 18 hand-held radios. The city has received two bids, one from Ka-Comm, Inc. in Manhattan, Kansas for \$30,272.03 and one from Homman Electronics of Solomon, Kansas for \$22,775.95. Council will study proposals and vote at next meeting.

**Police Advisory**-Police Chief, Bill Robinson, appeared before the Council to inform them about a wrecked police car. Officer Scott Galindo rolled a police car while starting a chase of a speeding vehicle. The speeding vehicle was not apprehended. The Officer was not injured.

**Recycling Committee**-The recycle bags are here and will be available for pick up at different locations beginning November 3, 2008. An information sheet will be included with each set of twenty-five bags. Recycling pick-up begins December 1, 2008.

The Committee received a bid to purchase wire crates to haul the recycled items. It was proposed to purchase twenty-five containers at a cost of \$4,138.00. Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to purchase the above mentioned crates. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent of Utilities, Bill L. Callaway, appeared before the Council to give a brief update on the water treatment plant. The contract for the water storage has been signed for \$691,000.00.

Councilmembers were reminded of a meeting with Ft. Riley officials on October 28, 2008 at the EDG Office.

Councilmembers were also reminded of a retirement reception in City Hall Council Room for Jerry Davies. The reception will be held from 2-4 p.m.

It was announced to the Council that Butch Hess has funded and opened a savings account in all four of the City Banks. The savings accounts are available to residents to contribute to for a new swimming pool. The accounts are City

accounts.

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