

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

Council met in regular session with President of the Council, Jack Wallace, presiding in the absence of Mayor Sharon Brown and roll call showing Councilmembers: Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Charles Smith, Butch Hess, Connie Jordan, and Jack Wallace present. Councilmember Justin Begnoche joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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 September 2008 were presented. Revenue and Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of September were presented.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3246 and 3247, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Smith, 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 Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented a Proclamation for the Council to adopt. The Proclamation proclaims the month of October as American Humane's Adopt-A-Dog Month. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt the above mentioned proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve a 2008 Plumbing License for Glassman Corporation of Hays, Kansas. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve a 2008 Electrical License for Heartland Electric Corporation of Belton, Missouri. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Slingsby, representing Crime Stoppers, appeared before the Council to give more information about the program. Crime Stoppers are raising funds to be used for advertising and rewards for information that leads to crime convictions. The Council is not ready to vote on an amount of support at this time.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-There was a brief discussion about how half of the alcohol tax money can be spent. Council would like an opinion from the City Auditors.

Streets and Alleys-Department has a dump truck that needs a new engine. Overhauling the engine in the truck would cost at least \$14,000.00 plus and have a one year warranty. Purchasing a rebuilt engine would cost \$19,151.99 installed and have a two year warranty. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the rebuilt engine from Roberts Truck Center in Salina, Kansas for \$19,151.99. The motion carried unanimously.

It was announced that the City's recycling program is set to begin December 1, 2008. A discussion had been held during the study at 7:00 p.m. There will be the same day recycle/trash service once a week beginning December 1, 2008. City will furnish recycle instructions with bags in the near future.

City will be hiring someone to clean up property at 616 McBrathney Street. City street crew will be removing the rafters from a building at that location before demolition.

City Parks and Pool-Council had been furnished information to purchase some playground equipment and bleachers. The playground equipment would cost \$1,658.82 and three low rise bleachers would cost \$2,891.83 or a total cost of \$4,550.65 for all. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase the above

mentioned equipment and take the funds out of the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
City Property-City has received an insurance check for hail damage to seven roofs of City owned buildings. Committee has received two bids for the repair work and will meet soon to study the bids.

Lights, Water and Sewer-Committee still taking applications for WasteWater Superintendent. A retirement reception for Jerry Davies will be held on October 31, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the following permits:

Jon Siemers for an 8' x 20' addition to garage at 711 Blunt Street.

Kerry Christensen for a 10' x 20' addition to shed at 916 13th Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-An overlay project inspection was held on October 2, 2008. The project is complete.

Emergency Preparedness-Councilmember D. Hess gave a report of a meeting where they heard about the Chapman's tornado emergency procedure. Several persons from Dickenson County Emergency Management gave the dos and don'ts after a disaster has hit a community.

Public Recreation Advisory-Committee held a joint meeting with officials from USD#379 to discuss a school district wide Public Recreation Commission. The Director from the Abilene Recreation Department also attended the meeting to describe how their recreation department is funded and operated.

Councilmember Begnoche joined the meeting.

Mr. Wohler informed the Council that some City funds are currently or will be over budget for the year. These funds may need an amended budget prepared in December.

Mr. Wohler also stated that the CDBG housing rehabilitation project is completed. There will need to be a Public Hearing to finalize the project.

Old Business-Plans are still being made for the Youth Academy to be held on October 21, 2008.

The committee to write a job description for a City Administrator handed out a draft copy of what they propose. Each councilmember is to study the draft and make changes that they think should be made.

New Business-The VHS camcorder the City has been using to take videos of Council meetings has broken. Councilmember D. Hess has talked with Eagle Communications and Twin Valley Communications about what type of video equipment they recommend the City purchase. Both Companies stated the City should get something that can put the video on DVD. Councilmember D. Hess passed out information on a HD Digital Camcorder. The camcorder can be purchased from Best Buy at a cost of \$879.99. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase the above mentioned camcorder. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Mayor Brown to the Council members invites them to a meeting with Representatives from Fort Riley on October 28, 2008. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Information Center at 517 Court Street. After the meeting there will be a lunch at Danny's.

Information was handed out from the Clay County Child Care Center. As part of their requirements for federal funds they are to inform the community leaders what Head Start has accomplished. The information stated that \$495,822.00 has been spent in Clay County to provide services for families and children. They also spent \$841,435.00 in a five county area for the Early Head Start program.

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