

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
November 4, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: 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.

Cash balances for the month of October 2008 were presented. Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of October were presented.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3250 and 3251, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, 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 retired WasteWater Superintendent, Jerry Davies. The City held an Open House reception on October 31, 2008 for Mr. Davies and gave him some going away gifts. Mr. Davies thanked the Mayor and City Council for the party and gifts.

An information and appreciation letter was read from the Clay Center Masonic Lodge #134. The letter stated that 52 children were screened for a nationwide ID program. The program takes a fingerprint and a DNA to give to the parents for future use if the child becomes missing. The program is called Kansas Child Identification and Protection Program (KsCHIP). The Lodge used the City Council Room on Piotique day to do the ID of the children.

Jami Williams, EDG Director, and three representatives from United Agri Products (U.A.P.) appeared before the Council. The officials from U.A.P. stated they are looking for eight acres of land to relocate their facilities currently at Morganville and south of Clay Center to a single location. The City has two Industrial Parks with over the eight acres requested which is either the Airport Industrial Park or the Industrial Park, north of Highway #24 on Meadowlark Road. The Industrial Park is more "shovel ready" for their purposes because of sewer and adequate water lines already close by. The Airport Park would need a lot of dirt work and a new water line plus a sewer system of some type. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve a non-binding Resolution of support and intent giving U.A.P. lots 2-9 in the Industrial Park on Meadowlark Road. The motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Begnoche voted "nay".

Mayor Brown presented employee service awards to the following employees:

Bobby Crawford	-	10 years
Dallas Cunningham	-	15 years
Virgil Lloyd	-	20 years

Jon Siemers will also get a 20 year service award but could not be at the meeting.

Committee reports were as follows:

**City Property-**The two bids received at the last Council meeting for demolition of the house at 616 McBrathney Street have been reviewed. The bids were from 5-Creek Service Center and Diehl Construction. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to accept the bid of 5-Creek Service Center to demolish the house at 616 McBrathney Street for \$5,850.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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

TSI Kansas Inc. for a 25' x 60' building addition at 612 W. Court Street.

Jesse and Jan Jackson for a 10' x 20' screened porch at 2222 Eisenhower Drive.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Emergency Preparedness**-Council has reviewed two bids given out at the last meeting in regard to purchasing a new narrow band radio system. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to purchase a narrow band radio system from Homman Electronics of Solomon, Kansas for \$22,775.95. The motion carried 6-1. Councilmember B. Hess voted "nay".

**Police Advisory**-City has received \$16,617.14 for the police car that was wrecked. Committee is gathering bids for a new police car.

**Recycling Committee**-The recycle bags have been distributed to five locations for pick-up.

**Mayor's Report**-There will be a reception in City Hall for James Marksman on November 14, 2008. Mr. Marksman worked on the City Refuse truck for 23 years and recently became ill and will not be back to work.

**Old Business**-There was a discussion about when the City will be ready to hire a City Administrator.

**New Business**-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the Council go into an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. The Executive Session will include the City Attorney and Mayor to also be present. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into an Executive Session.

The meeting was re-convened after the ten minute Executive Session.

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