

Council Chambers
City Hall
December 16, 2008
7:30 P.M.

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

Prior to the regular meeting a Public Hearing was held in regard to amending the General Fund and Employee Benefit Funds 2008 budget. The notice was published in the Clay Center Dispatch on December 3, 2008. No one appeared before the Council to protest the proposed budget amendment. The Public Hearing was closed.

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.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3256 and 3257, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, that these Ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote the motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read an invitation from the County Clerk's Office informing the city officials of a retirement reception for Mary Brown. Mary has worked for the county thirty-one years and will retire January 9, 2009. The reception will be held in the Clay County Commissioner's Room from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 9, 2009.

Mr. Wohler informed the Council that a private club license had been renewed by Scooters at 217 S. 6th Street. The license was supposed to be renewed in September but was overlooked.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Committee met with some Housing Authority officials to talk about \$20,000.00 from the City to help them to get funding to remodel Tolin Terrace. The Housing Authority would use the \$20,000.00 to pay off an outstanding loan and \$5,000.00 toward getting the USDA funding for the remodel. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to give the Housing Authority the \$20,000.00 request so they can move forward with the Tolin Terrace project. The motion carried 5-1-1. Councilmember B. Hess voted "nay" and Councilmember Fox abstained.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt the amended budget as published and presented at the Public Hearing earlier. The motion carried unanimously.

Street and Alleys-Tire chains have been ordered for the Recycle Truck. The truck would not get around in the snow.

City Property-Committee will be getting cost estimates to demolish the old GT building.

Cemetery-Committee has determined it will cost \$5,029.96 to correct a drainage problem in the northeast corner of the Cemetery. The City Street Department can do the work. Cost of the project will be divided between the Catholic Church and the City. Mr. Ryan has paid the engineering fees for a design solution to the drainage problem.

Airport-Airport needs repairs done to the aviation fuel pumps. Other long range plans have been looked at.

Emergency Preparedness-Employee badges will be received soon from the hospital.

Recycling Committee-The first week of recycling pick up was 8,200 lbs., the second week was 5,100 lbs. Brief discussion on how businesses can recycle.

New Business-It was reported to the Council that Twin Valley Telephone made a \$2,000.00 donation to the City to be used as the City sees fit.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to give the money to the city employees only, this would not include the Public Utilities employees and Housing Authority employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the study session presentation by representatives of the Kansas Rural Water Association, a membership will be considered in the future.

Mayor Brown made a report on several issues such as:

The year end wrap up meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2008.

The ads for a City Administrator have been placed in several newspapers.

Looking into getting an auctioneer to sell some city owned properties.

Mayor working with county commissioners to hold a joint meeting with other community mayors and a school district representative. Mayor would like this to be a quarterly meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to go into an executive session for ten minutes to discuss employee issues with the Mayor and City Attorney being present. The motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Wallace voted "nay". The meeting went into an executive session.

The regular meeting reconvened after ten minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to rescind the earlier motion about giving only City employees money. The new motion is that all hourly and salaried employees receive a \$50.00 bonus, including Public Utilities and Housing authority from donated funds. The motion carried 6-0-1. Councilmember D. Hess abstained.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adjourn the meeting until 5:00 p.m., on December 30, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.