

Council Chambers
City Hall
March 18, 2008
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, Butch Hess and Connie Jordan 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.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3219 and 3220, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, 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 an invitation to the Council if the City would be interested in viewing Christmas light displays in Beloit, Kansas on March 27th.

Mr. Wohler read a letter from City Attorney, Michael Ryan, informing the Council that he has reviewed the financial statements of the Clay Center Firefighter's Relief Association for 2007. Mr. Ryan stated all current investments made by the association are lawful and in compliance with statutory authority.

Monte Green was taking the place of City Attorney, Michael Ryan, at this meeting.

Mr. Green presented a Proclamation for adoption. The proclamation proclaims April as Fair Housing Month. The Civil Rights Act of 1968 is celebrating forty years of Fair Housing with regard to equal housing and opportunity. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to adopt the above-mentioned proclamation and authorize Mayor Brown to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Laws and Ordinances-Councilmember B. Hess talked about getting a lot of phone calls concerning the Mayor's position being a full time position. Councilmember B. Hess stated he would like to take the issue to the residents of the City at the Primary Election in August. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to put the question "Should the Clay Center Mayor's position be a full time position?" on the ballot at the August Primary Election this year. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

Street and Alleys-City crews have started at the north end of town moving south for a second pass at picking up limbs from the ice storm.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve a permit for Julie Jensen for a 20' x 28' addition to house at 626 Dexter Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-This year's overlay project went out to bid yesterday (March 17, 2008).

Ad Hoc Recycling Committee- Committee did not ask for enough money at the last Council Meeting to mail out the questionnaire. They need approximately another \$100.00. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to raise the amount of sending out the questionnaire from \$1700.00 to \$1800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown reported that the Safety Committee of the City is encouraging all City employees to take basic first-aid, CPR and AED training. Two days of training will be held soon. Employees need one day of this training.

Council discussed getting started by writing tickets under the Nuisance Ordinance for dilapidated houses.

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to go into an Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss personnel issues with Mayor Brown and Mr. Green being present. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into an Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened after the Executive Session.

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