

Council Chambers
City Hall
May 20, 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, 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.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3227 and 3228, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, that these Ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call this motion carried by a unanimous vote of all Councilmembers present.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, reported to the Council that the approval given at the March 4, 2008 Council Meeting for a ham radio event in Dexter Park was the wrong date. The event will be June 27, 28, and 29th instead of June 20, 21, and 22nd. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to allow the ham radio event in Dexter Park to be held on June 27 – 29, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented two items for approval.

Resolution No. 1440, entitled "A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF A NEW STATE-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1440 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan presented a Proclamation for adoption. The proclamation proclaims the month of May as Mental Health Month. The proclamation was provided by Pawnee Mental Health Services. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to adopt the above mentioned proclamation presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A 2008 application to sell fireworks in the City by Ka-Boomers of Wahoo, Nebraska was reviewed. The retail sales tent will be in Pamida's parking lot. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve the fireworks license for Ka-Boomers. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Committee and the Mayor did a survey of similar sized cities in the area to compare wages with Clay Center. Clay Center is having a hard time hiring new employees. The survey found that the City is lower in most areas of employment. Committee decided a raise should be given to all employees and new hires to help get more employees. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to give all full time and part time employees a \$.40 per hour increase in pay. The motion carried unanimously.

Laws and Ordinances-The ordinance allowing 3 pets in the City was discussed. The animals belonging to Deb Snyder on 12th Street was discussed at length.

Streets and Alleys-Committee had a recent meeting with Twin Valley Communication to listen to their plans to repair the streets in the City. Twin Valley is doing a lot of underground boring to place communication lines in the City to provide telephone, video cable and internet service to residents. There is a plan for street repair when the project is closer to being finished.

Street Commissioner, Greg Jensen, informed the Council that the skid steer loader lease for one year has expired. Kan-Equip has picked up the loader. Mr. Jensen is seeking bids for another one year lease of a skid steer loader.

City Parks and Pool-New walls for the ladies side of the bathhouse are here and being installed. The walls should be

installed before the pool opens on May 26, 2008. The walls for the men's bathhouse will be installed after the season.

City Property-The old Swift building has tentative approval for an environmental study to determine if a grant application can be obtained.

Lights, Water, & Sewer-WasteWater Superintendent, Jerry Davies, is still on sick leave.

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

R & B Investment for a 30' x 120' building for storage at 905 W. Crawford.

Ronnie and Karen Tremblay for a 12' x 12' addition to house at 1211 Sherman Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-City has received a grant offer from FAA for the overlay project at the airport this year. The grant offer needs Council approval. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to approve the Grant Offer from FAA in the amount of \$671,531.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Preparedness-Committee working on a disaster plan. Will study the county's plan.

Recycling-Committee will try to find grant monies to start up a recycle program.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Brown gave a report of a recent monthly meeting she attended at Ft. Riley.

Old Business-Video equipment for the Council Meetings was discussed.

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