

Council Chambers
City Hall
June 17, 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, 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.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of May were \$7,218.50.

Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3231 and 3232, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, 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 the following Thank You's:

From the Cyril Hess family for memorial flowers for Cyril, D. Hess' father.

From the Tiger Sharks Swim team for the annual appropriation to them of \$600.00.

Monte Green, substituting for City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented two resolutions for action.

Resolution No. 1442, entitled "A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING TO BE HELD BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, WHEREIN THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF CERTAIN PROPERTY MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 616 McBRATHNEY, CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED BELOW, SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS BEING UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt Resolution No. 1442 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1443, was presented for review. This is the same resolution as **No. 1441** passed at the May 6th meeting except the number of housing units has been reduced from 55 to 49. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1443 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Laws and Ordinance-Mayor Brown informed the Council of an animal situation at the Deb Snyder residence at 1006 McBrathney. Ms. Snyder has had numerous animals at the residence for years and believes she was "Grandfathered In" to have more animals than allowed by city code. A search of past minutes did not show anything on record as being "Grandfathered In". Deb Snyder appeared before the Council pleading her case that she wants to keep her animals and thought she could. More research will be attempted to find a record to prove the "Grandfathered In" statement.

Fire Department-The old Fire Chief car was sold for \$300.00.

Fire Chief, Jon Siemers, and seven firemen, some volunteers, went to Chapman on the night of June 11, 2008. Chapman was hit with a very damaging tornado and requested rescue people to help search for people after the storm. Mr. Siemers stated this was very good training for the city firemen.

Streets and Alleys-The purchase of an Asphalt Zipper was presented for action. Each councilmember was asked to study this purchase at the last meeting. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the Asphalt Zipper out of equipment reserve funds at a cost of \$108,945.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Two Street department employees have taken the refuse position which leaves the street department short of

employees. Refuse department employee, James Marksman, is still in the hospital and reportedly getting better.

City Parks & Pool-Pool is closing tomorrow, June 18, 2008, to have new partitions installed in the boy's side of the bathhouse.

City Property-Committee met before Council meeting to discuss franchise fees again. They will be meeting again.

Library is having problems with a chair lift.

Lights, Water and Sewer-Jerry Davies is getting over his illness. May or may not be able to come back to work. Committee may need to look for a new person.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the following building permits:

Kelly and Barbra Snyder for a garage and storage building at 313 Lane.

James & Arlyss Vathauer for a 12' x 14' storage shed at 515 Arthur Street.

Jeremy Sweet for a 26' x 30' garage at 404 Frederick.

John Straub for a 24' x 29' addition to house at 715 14th Street.

Early Head Start for a 15' x 38' addition to building at 1021 4th Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-There was a pre-construction meeting on June 11, 2008. It was announced that the Airport will be closed June 23 thru July 23 and then again August 25th to the 27th.

There was hail damage to two hangers at the Airport. An insurance adjuster has estimated a \$10,000.00 loss. The hangers will need new paint or a coating of some type to repair the roofs. A contractor will be hired to do the work.

Emergency Preparedness-Mr. Siemers reported that during a recent storm, lightning struck the Courthouse and disabled the ability to dispatch firemen, set off tornado sirens and radio communication in the Law Enforcement. Mr. Siemers informed the Council that he purchased a \$290.00 radio that can be used as a fire call when the power goes out. Mr. Siemers is also considering getting one of these radios to turn on the tornado sirens in the same circumstance.

Police Department-Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche to go into an Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss personnel issues and those attending would be Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk and Police Chief Bill Robinson. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into an Executive Session.

The regular meeting was re-convened after ten minutes.

Old Business-The house at 1003 2nd Street is being demolished.

New Business-City should look into allowing electric type of personal transportation on city streets.

City needs a policy to get rid of surplus equipment.

There is a Town Hall meeting set for June 24, 2008 at the United Methodist Family Life Center to discuss the idea of a City Administrator type of city government. KCLY radio has offered to broadcast live from the meeting at a cost of \$400.00. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to have KCLY broadcast live the Town Hall meeting. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Baker abstained.

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