

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
June 3, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Butch Hess, 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. Copies of the minutes of the two previous Public Utilities Commission meeting were presented.

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

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3229 and 3230, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, 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 Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented some items for review.

Mr. Ryan is still working on a new franchise agreement for Twin Valley Telephone. Mr. Ryan recently was informed by Kansas League of Municipalities that franchise fees cannot be charged on internet services. Mr. Ryan would like to have a committee meeting with the Property Committee to review a proposed draft of a franchise ordinance.

A condemnation of a house at 616 McBrathney Street is moving forward.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, presented three items for action.

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve a retail fireworks license for Jake's Fireworks for a stand at 626 W. Crawford. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Jordan abstained.

Mr. Wohler read a request from Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce to close Fifth Street on June 21, 2008 from south side of Dexter Street to alley between Lincoln Avenue and Court Street. The time of closing would be 5:00 p.m. until the event is over. Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to grant the above mentioned request. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wohler read a letter from the Clay Center Baton and Drill Team requesting funding to send some twirlers to National Championship competition in Orlando, Florida – July 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. Five girls will be going to the event. The City gave \$200.00 last year and they would appreciate that amount this year. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to provide \$200.00 travel expenses for the twirlers with funds out of the Special Park and Recreation Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Laws and Ordinance**-During the work session before the Council meeting a report was given from an Ad Hoc Committee that was appointed to study different types of City government. The Committee has been studying this since March 13, 2008. McKenna Porter was the spokesperson for the committee. After doing the study the Ad Hoc Committee recommends that Clay Center should hire a City Administrator. The advantages were given to the Council of having a City Administrator. Council asked the Mayor, with assistance from the Ad Hoc Committee, to set up a public forum meeting in the near future to hear input from the citizens of Clay Center concerning the type of government that best fits our City.

**Fire Department**-Received one bid for the old Fire Chief car which was \$300.00. Committee to meet after Council meeting to decide what to do.

**Streets and Alleys**-Committee met with the Lights, Water and Sewer Committee to discuss the sharing of equipment.

Two bids were reviewed for a one year lease on a skid steer loader. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith to lease a Case 430 skid steer loader from Bruna Equipment for a one year lease at a cost of \$1,995.00 and a maximum of 250 hours. The motion carried unanimously.

Many asphalt streets need major re-surfacing. Committee and department employees watched a demonstration of an Asphalt Zipper. The Zipper restores asphalt streets by milling the pavement and laying it back down again. An oil seal is then used over the smoothed out street. This process is cheaper than hiring someone to do the milling and overlay work. The cost of the Zipper, depending on model, is around \$100,000.00. Council will study the information and make a recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

Committee would like to have one day a week trash service beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> for one month. This would allow the refuse employees to help with street repairs. Trash would be picked up on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to pick up trash on Mondays and Tuesdays only for the month of July beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

**Airport**-There will be a pre-construction meeting for the runway project on June 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

**Old Business**-A general discussion was held about what types of grass is considered a nuisance. Large lots or areas where there is a steep embankment may need an allowance for tall grass but not weeds.

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