

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
July 1, 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 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.

Cash balances for the month of June 2008, were presented. Expenditures and Revenues with balance of the budget for the month of June 2008, were presented.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3233 and 3234, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, that these Ordinances be approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read a "Thank You" from the family of Mary Young, mother of Ronda Lloyd. Mary Young recently passed away. Ronda is Co-Manager of the pool.

Andy Contreras, new Director of Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council. Mr. Contreras gave a brief history about himself and how he landed in Clay Center, Kansas. Mr. Contreras asked for an annual support for the Chamber but would like to raise the amount from \$2,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to pay the annual dues of \$2,000.00 as has been done in the past. Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Smith voted "nay".

John Kaul, Director of Clay Center Housing Authority, appeared before the Council asking for support of a project they are working on. Mr. Kaul presented information called "Community Revitalization Plan for the Apollo Towers Redevelopment Area." The plan is to reduce Apollo Towers to 49 affordable units and remodel Tolin Terrace and Parkview Plaza in the future. The plan will take up to eight years to complete at an estimated cost of \$9 to \$10 million dollars. Mr. Kaul asked the Council to show support of this plan. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the Revitalization Plan of the Clay Center Housing Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Laws and Ordinances**-Deb Snyder, a local resident with a number of animals, appeared before the Council explaining her belief that she was "grandfathered in" to the number of animals she can have. Ms. Snyder had done a lot of research in regard to the issue but could not find any proof of being grandfathered in. Mr. Ryan and the Committee need to meet and resolve the issue. An exemption for Ms. Snyder's property may be written for Council's approval.

**Fire Department**-Firemen will be at the Chamber's fireworks display on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, collecting funds for the Chamber for the 2009 firework display.

**Streets and Alleys**-Street Department sent three dump trucks and the wheel loader to Chapman for six days to help clean up after the tornado that hit their City.

**City Parks and Pool**-The installation of partitions in the boys' side of the bathhouse will be finished after the pool is closed.

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

Albert Greenwood for an attached carport at 1417 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alan and Ruth Johnson for a garage extension at 410 Blunt Street.

**Insurance**-Committee met with Robert Heilman, City's insurance agent, to review the liability and property renewal effective July 1, 2008. The new policy premium went up slightly to \$23,833.00. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to renew the above mentioned insurance policy. The motion carried 6-0-1. Councilmember D. Hess abstained.

**Old Business**-The house at 1003 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is gone. What next? The Council believes it might be a good idea to get title to the property. Mr. Ryan will see if that can be done.

Mowing of lots were discussed at length.

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