

Council Chambers
City Hall
July 15, 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 June were \$3,736.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3235 and 3236, 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.

Monte Green, substituting for City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented several items for action and/or review.

Resolution No. 1444, entitled "A RESOLUTION IN THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS DEFINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN EXEMPTION GRANTED TO DEBORAH L. SNYDER, REGARDING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED ON HER PROPERTY AT 106 McBRATHNEY.", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt Resolution No. 1444 as presented. The motion carried 7-1. Councilmember Begnoche voted "nay".

Ordinance No. 2214 was presented for review. The Ordinance pertained to having a franchise agreement between the City of Clay Center and Twin Valley Telephone Inc. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to re-write the ordinance and present it again at the next council meeting.

Mike Slingsby, representing a local group called "Crime Stoppers," appeared before the Council asking for start up funds. The program is designed to help law enforcement get information on people who break the law. The program is designed to offer rewards to persons who give information on persons wanted by law enforcement. Crime Stoppers would like to receive \$1,500.00 in funding from the City and 25% of the diversion fees from Municipal Court. The Ways and Means Committee will meet in the future and discuss the request for funding.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways & Means-2009 Budget is being prepared. Concerns are fuel prices and higher refuse rates needed.

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

Presbyterian Manors of Mid America for a remodel/addition to their building at 924 Eighth Street.
Dorothy Novak for a 24' x 32' garage at 105 Court Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-Mike Spicer, Airport Manager, gave a report on the runway overlay project. Dirt hauling for the shoulders has begun. Airport will be open soon for thirty days and then closed for three days to paint the markings.

Old Business-Mayor Brown presented a City wide safety policy to the Council. KMIT, the city's workman compensation carrier allows discounts on premiums if certain efforts are made to reduce injuries. The Council needs to adopt the policy. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt the city wide safety policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business-Mayor Brown is working with a few city employees to review the city's sick leave policies.

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