

Council Chambers
City Hall
September 16, 2008
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with President of the Council, Jack Wallace, presiding in the absence of Mayor Sharon Brown 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 August were \$4,425.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3244 and 3245, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, 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 a "Thank You" from USD #379, Assistant Superintendent, Cliff Williams III, thanking the City for placing the parking stalls on Twelfth Street, south of Grant Avenue.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented an Ordinance for approval.

Ordinance No. 2219, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN OTHER ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES FROM REPEAL AND SAVING CERTAIN ACCRUED RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES.", was read considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt Ordinance No. 2219, as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmembers D. Hess, Baker, Smith, B. Hess, Jordan, Wallace, Fox and Begnoche voted "yea" and no Councilmembers voted "nay".

Superintendent of Public Utilities, Bill Callaway, and a representative from Burns and McDonald, Brian Meier, appeared before the Council to give a progress report on the planned water treatment plant. Bids for a 500,000 gallon storage tank were opened September 15th. Bids will be reviewed and a recommendation to approve will be announced on October 6th. The low bid is \$640,100.00. The storage tank most likely will not be installed until next spring when the entire plant will be contracted to be built. The goal is to have the entire treatment operation ready in December of 2009.

Bill Callaway also talked about the high fuel price is driving up the cost of electricity. Look for electricity costs to go up in the future.

Anne Clark, representing the Community Chamber Orchestra, appeared before the Council to ask the Council for funding. The Orchestra was formed seven years ago and is funded by donations and a Grant for Arts. Any help would be appreciated. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to donate \$500.00 to the Community Chamber Orchestra. The motion was a 4-4, tie. Councilmembers D. Hess, Baker, Jordan and Begnoche voted "yea" and Councilmembers Smith, B. Hess, Wallace and Fox voted "nay".

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Crime Stoppers representatives will be making a presentation at the next Council meeting.

Streets and Alleys-Street Department would like to purchase a Brine tank to make their solution. Brine is a solution for pre-treatment and after treatment for ice and snow on roadways. A kit can be purchased for \$5,452.00. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase a brine maker from Dultmeier Sales LLC at a cost of \$5,452.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee announced that 94 blocks of streets have been chip sealed.

Street Department is getting 20 poles from the Public Utilities Department. The Public Utilities has offered to dig holes for the poles.

Parks and Pool-Snack Shack issue will not be discussed at this meeting.

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

Dennis & Laurie Charbonneau for a 10' x 14' garage at 1020 12th Street.

Roswitha Oberhelman for a 20' x 26' garage at 1314 6th Street.

Donald Baker for a 10' x 16' storage shed at 1038 Lane Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Preparedness-City has been looking for someone to do ID badges for City employees and councilmembers. The badges would be used for ID purposes and allow employees to get where they need to be during a disaster. A quote was received from the Clay County Medical Center to charge a \$60.00 set up fee and \$7.50 per a one sided or \$8.00 for a two sided badge. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the two-sided badges at \$8.00 each and the \$60.00 set up fee for all regular City employees and Councilmembers. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Recreation Advisory-Committee meeting with USD #379 officials on September 24th at the Stuart Administrative Center.

Ad Hoc Recycling Committee-Plans are being made to have the recently purchased recycle truck in the Piotique parade.

New Business-Flu shots will be available for City employees on November 18, 2008 in City Hall at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$21.00 this year. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to pay for flu shots for all employees, councilmembers and volunteer firemen. The motion carried unanimously.

The burned out house at 616 McBrathney was discussed. The City has ownership of the house for now. Mayor needs to assign a department to keep certain lots in the City mowed.

Mayor Brown has informed the Council that Connie Jordan, Butch Hess and Daton Hess have been appointed to a committee to write a job description for a city administrator. They will begin meeting soon.

Council received information from an employee policy committee in regard to allowing five days roll over of vacation days. Currently employees must use all vacation days earned during the calendar year and start over the next year. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to allow the up to five days of vacation rollover at the end of a year. The motion carried unanimously and will begin immediately.

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