

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
September 2, 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 previous Public Utilities Commission meeting were presented.

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

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3242 and 3243, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, 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 Clerk, Calvin Wohler, read a "Thank You" from Shannon Livengood for supporting two twirlers to go to a National competition.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented information that will be put in a new Code Book. There are several items that need to be in the Code Book so the plan is to codify a new Code Book with all the additions added. The codification ordinance should be ready by the next council meeting.

Cathy Haney, representing the Pioneer Festival, appeared before the Council requesting help with the funding again this year. The dates for the festival will be held October 18 and 19, 2008. The City gave \$250.00 last year but Ms. Haney would like the City to give more. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to donate \$350.00 this year for the festival. The motion carried unanimously.

Janelle Rieger, CCCHS Student Council sponsor, appeared before the Council asking permission to have a Homecoming Parade downtown at 2:00 p.m., October 3, 2008. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to approve the above mentioned request. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Ways and Means**-Council discussed a request for funding from Anne Clarke representing the Community Chamber Orchestra. Council asked Mayor Brown to have Anne Clark come and present her request at a future Council Meeting.

Committee has received a request from a group of City citizens who want to start a Crime Stoppers organization. The group would raise funds to be used to offer reward money to persons who give information to law enforcement officials that leads to an arrest or conviction of persons doing a crime. The Crime Stoppers committee would like the City to give them \$1,500.00 plus a percentage of the municipal court diversion fees. The issue was tabled until next meeting.

**Streets and Alleys**-The Spellman Circle street project is about finished.

**City Parks and Pool**- A discussion was held about building a Snack Shack for the swimming pool. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to approve the estimated cost of a Snack Shack, \$18,105.85, to be built. Motion was a tie at 4-4. Councilmembers D. Hess, Baker, Jordan, and Begnoche voted "Yea" and Councilmembers Smith, B. Hess, Wallace and Fox voted "nay". Mayor Brown declined to vote making the motion not carried.

**Cemetery**-Committee met with Mr. Ryan and Catholic officials to discuss some drainage in the Catholic portion of the Cemetery.

**Lights, Water and Sewer-**Committee preparing an ad to run in newspapers to receive applications for a WasteWater Superintendent.

Committee met with Electrical Board to see about adopting the 2008 N.E.C.

**Airport-**Runway project is all done.

**Public Recreation Advisory-**Committee met with an ad hoc group including some USD #379 school board members to discuss a district wide public recreation commission.

**Ad Hoc Recycling Committee-**The Committee sent Street Commissioner, Greg Jensen, to Houston, Texas to look at a truck to be used for curbside recycling. Mr. Jensen thought the truck was in good shape so he drove it back to Clay Center. The truck is a 2003 Isuzu with a flat bed on it. The cost of the truck was \$18,885.22. Committee considering having the truck in the Piotique Parade.

**Old Business-**Council was reminded of the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference being held in Wichita, Kansas on October 11 – 14, 2008.

City is entitled to have two voting delegates and two alternate delegates at the LKM business meeting on October 14, 2008. Currently only the Mayor and City Clerk are planning to attend the meeting. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to name Mayor Brown and Mr. Wohler as voting delegates to the League Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business-**Council needs to set a date for this year's Youth Academy in October. A discussion of dates followed. October 21, 2008 was chosen as a date to have the Youth Academy. Councilmembers Jordan, Baker and D. Hess are to help.

Information regarding the employees' sick leave policy was presented to the Council. The proposal would allow employees to use five days per year sick leave for close family members (children, spouse, parents), or funeral services. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to adopt the new portion of the sick leave policy as stated to begin in the 2009 year. The motion carried unanimously.

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