

Council Chambers
City Hall
April 21, 2009
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 regular meeting and special meeting were presented and approved by the Council.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3273 and 3274, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, 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.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented three Proclamations for adoption.

A Proclamation proclaiming May 9, 2009 as Poppy Day in Clay Center was submitted to the Council by the American Legion Auxiliary. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to adopt the Poppy Day Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3rd thru May 9th, 2009, as Teacher Appreciation Week was reviewed. The Proclamation has been presented by the National Parent Teacher Association. Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt the above mentioned Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans Month was reviewed by the Council. The Proclamation has been presented by the Clay Center Presbyterian Manor. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adopt the above mentioned Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Kristin Wright, representing Positive Addictions 5K Run appeared before the Council to ask permission to have a 5K run in Clay Center. The route will cross Highway #24 twice and Highway #15 twice. Those crossings will be patrolled by law enforcement. Other street crossings will have volunteers to help runners cross. Positive Addictions is a program in CCCMS to encourage students to get involved in positive programs and not smoking and drinking. The route map was reviewed by the Council. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to allow the 5K route as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Fire Department-Fire Chief, Jon Siemers, appeared before the Council to explain about some GPS equipment that will be coming to twelve counties through a federal grant program. Each county will be getting four GPS hand held units, four GPS digital cameras and one set of computer software. This equipment will be used for mapping the twelve counties so there can be better understanding from county to county when a disaster strikes.

Street Department-Department looking to purchase an asphalt tank/trailer to store road oil. The cost of a trailer like this is \$5,000.00. A proposal to purchase will be made at the next Council meeting.

City Parks and Pool-Committee has been informed that a smaller grate cover needs to be installed over the swimming pool drain. The small grate system is designed to keep fingers from getting in. The cost of the new grate cover is \$3,470.00.

Committee will present bids for a new one ton truck at the next Council meeting. The cost will be around \$30,000.00.

Lights, Water and Sewer-WasteWater Superintendent Kent Hessling, is working on a plan to get city sewer mains inspected throughout the City. The inspections will start in the downtown area. It will take the hiring of another person to move this plan along faster.

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

Galen Wietharn for a new house at 211 Webster Street.

Ken and Julie Hughes for a new house at 724 Anthony Street.

Douglas E. Craven for a 324 square foot addition to house at 713 Clark Street.

Motion carried 7-1. Councilmember D. Hess voted "nay". Council recommends Mayor Brown write a letter to Bill Callaway requesting building permits be signed sooner.

Police Advisory-Police Chief, Bill Robinson, appeared before the Council to explain a Grant application. The Grant will pay for law enforcement overtime pay for additional man-power for the detection of underage drinking. The application needs to be signed by the City and County officials on a form called, Memorandum of Understanding. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to authorize Mayor Brown to sign the MOU as presented by Chief Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Robinson is working on funding for a new server for the Law Enforcement Center. The funding will come from about \$10,000.00 the City can apply for in stimulus funds.

Ad Hoc City Administrator Committee-Moved by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to go into an Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Those asked to attend the Executive Session are Michael Ryan, Mayor Brown, Sterling Meals and McKenna Porter. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into an Executive Session.

The regular meeting reconvened after ten minutes.

Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to make an offer to Cheryl Beatty for the City Administrator position and allow the City Administrator Committee to negotiate a salary. The motion carried 6-2. Councilmembers Wallace and Fox voted "nay".

Councilmember Smith gave a brief history of his eight years of being on the Council. This meeting is the last one for Councilmembers Wallace and Smith.

Mayor Brown declared a five minute intermission to swear in the new Councilmembers. The new Council will then reconvene to take care of any necessary business.

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Calvin Wohler
City Clerk