

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
April 7, 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 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 March 2008 were presented. Revenue and Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of March were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of March were \$2,826.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3271 and 3272, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember D. 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 the 2009 After Prom Fund Raising Committee. The Council approved a \$1,500.00 donation to the 2009 After Prom event at the February 3, 2009 Council meeting.

City Attorney, Michael Ryan, presented a Resolution and a Proclamation for approval.

**Resolution No. 1445**, entitled "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) AND CAUSING THE ANNUALLY REQUIRED FINANCIAL AUDIT, OF THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD 2009, TO BE PREPARED BASED ON THE CASH BASIS AND BUDGET LAWS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, ALL IN THE CITY OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, AND PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 1120a(c)(1).", was read and considered by sections. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to adopt Resolution No. 1445 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A Proclamation was presented for adoption. The Proclamation proclaims April of 2009 as Fair Housing Month. The Proclamation is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to adopt the above Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A 2009-2010 Liquor License for KADS LLC d/b/a Kidwell's Liquor was presented for approval. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the above mentioned liquor license. The motion carried unanimously.

A 2009 Electrical Contractors license for Davin Electric of Topeka, Kansas presented for approval. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the electrical license. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown had several employees from the City's Safety Committee, Karen Buckner, Dallas Cunningham and Charles Mallory come before the Council. Due to their efforts to promote safety within the City there has been a discount of 5% granted on the Workman's Compensation insurance rates.

Clarence Binns, representing the Republican Valley Amateur Radio Club, appeared before the Council asking permission to use Dexter Park for a ham radio event. The event will be held June 26, 27 and 28. The Club sets up a 30' tower and generates their own electricity to practice using ham radios. Ham radio operators are useful during power outages after a storm. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to allow the above mentioned request. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding allowing signs to be attached to power poles. Council feels it is a safety issue and should not be allowed. A policy will be written to address this problem.

Sharing two-way radio frequencies with the Public Utilities Departments was discussed briefly.

Committee reports were as follows:

**Ways and Means**-City has received an agreement from Campbell and Johnson for engineering services for the North Highway #15 milling and overlay project scheduled after June of 2010. Estimated engineering fees are \$24,500.00. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve agreement with Campbell and Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Department**-Because of changes in training manuals the Fire Department will be purchasing new books.

**City Parks and Pool**-City of Clay Center has received a Tree City USA award for the 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.

Department looking to purchase a truck. A used truck is hard to find so may purchase a new one. A new truck is almost \$30,000.00. The Department has this money in reserve.

Swimming pool needs some work on the bottom drain.

Pool to open on May 31, 2009.

**City Property**-The asbestos has been removed from the GT building.

City will sell three city owned lots on April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Lights, Water and Sewer**-The WasteWater plant has recently passed a KDHE inspection.

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

Cary and Joyce Laflin for a house at 310 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Michael and Deborah Holladay for a 30' x 40' garage at 507 Bridge Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Airport**-There will be a meeting soon to discuss future plans for the Industrial Park at the Airport.

**Emergency Preparedness**-The tornado sirens have been tested and all are working.

**Insurance**-Committee met with several employee representatives in January to discuss what if rates of BCBS go up very much. It was decided then to stick with our BCBS contract and use the reserves in the account to level out the annual expense. City has been notified that the BCBS premium will increase 18½% beginning July 1, 2009. One month's premium out of reserve (approximately \$45,000.00) in 2009 will keep the expense to the City about the same as last year. Moved by Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche to renew the 2009-2010 BCBS contract and keep the same policy with an increase in premium. The motion carried 7-0-1. Councilmember D. Hess abstained.

**Police Advisory**-Police Department has done a review on several types of video camera systems. They would like to purchase a digital camera that uses flash cards instead of burning onto a disc. Two digital models were looked at and the higher resolution camera is what the department recommends to purchase. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to purchase a DVM750 digital camera for the Police Department at a cost of \$4,625.00. The motion carried unanimously.

City Police Department is entitled to receive \$10,500.00 in stimulus money from federal sources. The department recommends that the money be used to purchase a new computer server in the Law Enforcement Center.

**City Administrator Committee**-Committee has recently reviewed fourteen new applications and then interviewed three of the applicants. Committee is calling for a special Council Meeting on April 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. so all Councilmembers can interview the final three applicants.

An amendment to the Position Description for City Administrator was presented to the Council. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to adopt the amendment as presented. Motion carried 6-1-1. Councilmember Wallace voted "nay" and Councilmember Fox abstained.

Mayor Brown reported that the City's website is up and running.

City has received a request from Deanna Turner, District Extension Agent, to allow the Farmer's Market to be held again downtown. The dates are for each Saturday, beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 31, 2009. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to grant the request from the Extension Office. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Calvin Wohler  
City Clerk