

Council Chambers
City Hall
May 5, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: McKenna Porter, Butch Hess, Sterling Meals, Connie Jordan, Steve Fox, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess and Rhys Baker present.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the Council. Copies of the minutes of the two previous Public Utilities Commission meetings were presented.

Cash balances for the month of April 2009 were presented. Expenditures with balance of the budget for the month of April 2009 were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of April were \$3,053.50.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3275 and 3276, allowing claims which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, 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 two items for action.

An Arbor Day Proclamation was presented. The Proclamation proclaims April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day in Clay Center. A belated tree planting ceremony will be held on May 7, 2009. Arbor Day is promoted by the National Arbor Day Foundation. They also give out the Tree City USA awards each year. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to adopt the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1446, was presented for adoption. The Resolution adopts the employment agreement with Cheryl S. Beatty as City Administrator. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to adopt Resolution No. 1446 as presented. The motion carried 7-1. Councilmember Fox voted "nay".

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, presented two city licenses for approval.

Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to approve a 2009-2010 retail liquor license for Delores Ouellette d/b/a Donley's Retail Liquor at 627 W. Crawford Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Porter, to approve a 2009 Plumbing license for Systems 4 Inc. of Salina, Kansas. The motion carried unanimously.

Sally Irwin, representing the Leadership Clay Center Class of 2009, appeared before the Council with a request. As part of their leadership class they need to do a community project. They have chosen to do an exterior improvement to the Lighthouse for Christ Ministry building at 413 Lincoln Avenue. Part of the improvements is refuse removal and they would like the City to furnish barrels for trash, etc. Other work at the site would be flower pots, a bench, painting and other work to improve cosmetic appearance. Council stated the City would try to help them do their project.

Bill L. Callaway, Public Utilities Superintendent, appeared before the Council to inform the Council of a transamerica pipeline crossing Kansas near Clay Center. The Company building the pipeline is TransCanada Pipeline. The line begins in Alberta, Canada and will go south and eventually reach Houston, Texas. There will also be an extension of a line going east out of Nebraska to Illinois. TransCanada will build a pumping station in Clay Center's Public Utility service area several miles east of town. This will increase the amount of electricity distributed by Clay Center tremendously. Transamerica will need this power in 2011. There will be originally three 6,500 hp motors in the beginning and by 2014 they will add two more. Callaway stated that what this means for the residents of Clay Center will be lower electrical rates because of the purchasing power of larger volume of usage.

Mr. Callaway also talked about the possibility of moving the Public Utilities office out of City Hall. By City Code the office must be in City Hall. The Ways and Means Committee will begin meetings to discuss this issue.

Mr. Callaway stated the water treatment plant is moving along. It may be a couple of days behind schedule.

Committee reports were as follows:

Streets and Alleys-A proposal to purchase a 6500 gallon asphalt trailer was made at the last meeting. The trailer can be purchased for \$5,000.00 from Vance Brothers of Kansas City, Missouri. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to purchase the 6500 gallon asphalt trailer for \$5,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee met with Don Dean, engineer from Campbell and Johnson, on Monday, the 4th. The Committee looked at a proposal to apply for a milling and overlay KDOT project for Highway #24, 10th Street to city limits. The project will be a KLINK project with KDOT paying 75% of the project. The project would be in the state's 2012 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. City's estimated cost share would be \$41,950.05. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to apply for the 2012 KLINK project as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

City Parks and Pool-Committee passed out bids for a new one ton truck at the last Council meeting. The bids were from Hanson Ford-Mercury for \$29,878.00 and Green Team of Clay Center, Inc. for \$30,865.00. The Committee has reviewed the bids carefully and believes the Chevy truck from Green Team is a better bid. Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess, to purchase a Chevy truck from Green Team for \$30,865.00. The motion carried unanimously.

During the work session before the Council meeting, Donna Long representing the St. Paul Episcopal Church appeared before the Council. Ms. Long informed the Council of a project they are planning for this summer. The project is to serve nutritional meals for children in the community from June 1 thru August 14. The meals come from a food bank in Kansas City through a program called Harvestors. The meals are free and would be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday - Friday in the shelter house just west of the swimming pool. The City would need to approve that the shelter house would be reserved each day for serving these meals. The program here would be called, " Kids Café."

Moved by Councilmember Begnoche, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to allow reserving the shelter house, west of the swimming pool for the Kids Café during the summer week days. The motion carried unanimously.

It was announced that there will be a tree planting on Thursday, May 7th, to commemorate Arbor Day.

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

John and Deanna Read for a 14' x 14' addition at 37 Dexter Street.

Big Lakes Development Center for an addition to their building at 302 Lincoln Avenue.

The motion carried unanimously.

Police Advisory-Police Chief, Bill Robinson, appeared before the Council to give a report of CrimeStoppers training he attended in Wichita. What Chief Robinson was most impressed with was some schools having their own CrimeStoppers program within the School. He also stated there is a push in the state to help fund CrimeStoppers by having \$5.00 added to fines in the court systems.

Marc Henry has been hired back as a police officer for Clay Center. He has been with the County Sheriff department for the past year.

New Business-Community Action, a non-profit organization from Topeka and manager of the McKinley Apartments in Clay Center is applying for Grant monies. The Grants will be in two parts for emergency repairs for housing. The total amount of grant monies applied for is \$100,000.00. As part of the Grant application with the State Housing Trust Fund they want the Mayor of the City to sign off on the Grant application. Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Porter, to approve Mayor Brown to sign the Grant application that Community Action is applying for. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to name the Clay Center Dispatch as the official paper of legal notices. There was a tie vote of 4-4. Councilmembers Jordan, Begnoche, D. Hess and Baker voted " nay" . Mayor Brown voted " yeal" to make the motion carry.

Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to approve Union State Bank, United Bank and Trust, Citizens National Bank and Clay County National Bank as depositories for the City of Clay Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown presented a list of Appointments and Re-Appointments for the 2009-2010 year or longer as stated. The following is a list of the appointments and re-appointments.

2009 - 2010

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

Calvin Wohler	.....	City Clerk Ryan &
Mullin LLC	.....	City Counselor Ryan & Mullin
LLC	.....	City Prosecutor
Susan Carlson	.....	Municipal Judge
Cheryl Blanken	.....	Court Service Officer R.
Duane Hinkle	.....	City Treasurer Bill
Robinson	.....	Chief of Police Jonathan
Siemers	.....	Fire Chief Greg
Jensen	.....	Street Commissioner Otto C.
Straub	.....	Parks Superintendent Ned
McMahan	.....	Sexton Greenwood Cemetery Kent
Hessling	.....	Wastewater Superintendent
Tim Penner	City Health Officer

2009 - 2011

Cheryl Beatty	City Administrator
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2009 - 2012

Bill Callaway	Public Utilities Superintendent
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APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

3 Year Planning Commission

Pat Schwensen	Re-appointment
Tom Skinner	Re-appointment
Randy Carlson	Re-appointment

4 Year Library Board

Jean Frigon	Appointment
Tom Skinner (Unexpired term of Mindy Blake)	Appointment

4 Year Local Housing Board

Mike Spielman

Re-appointment

2 Year Electrical Board

Kevin Griggs
McKenna Porter

Re-appointment
Appointment

1 Year Plumbing Board

John Turner, Jr.
Steve Fox
Melvin Anderson
Greg Jensen (Inspector)

Re-appointment
Re-appointment
Re-appointment
Re-appointment

2 Year Enterprise Zone

James Hess
Connie Jordan
Sterling Meals

Re-appointment
Appointment
Appointment

1 Year Tree Board

Andy Contreras
--Chamber Director
Sheldon Bergstrom
--Chamber Beautification Director
McKenna Porter
--Councilmember

Appointment

Re-appointment

Appointment

4 Year Public Recreation

Darla Brown

Appointment

3 Year Board of Housing Appeals

Helen Kosman

Appointment

3 Year Public Utilities Commission

Mike Floersch

Re-Appointment

Moved by Councilmember B. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to approve the entire list of appointments and re-appointments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown asked for nominations for President of the Council for the 2009-2010 year. Moved by Councilmember D. Hess, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to nominate Councilmember Begnoche as President of the Council. Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Porter that nominations cease and a vote be taken. The motion carried. Vote for Councilmember Begnoche carried 7-0-1. Councilmember Begnoche abstained.

Mayor Brown handed out the Council Committee assignments for the 2009-2010 year. They were as follows:

2009-2010 COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS-----	Jordan, Begnoche, Meals
LAWS AND ORDINANCES-----	Porter, B.Hess, Baker
FIRE DEPARTMENT-----	Begnoche, D. Hess, B. Hess
STREETS AND ALLEYS-----	Fox, Begnoche, D.Hess
CITY PARKS AND POOL-----	Baker, Porter, D. Hess
CITY PROPERTY-----	Jordan, Fox, Meals
CEMETERY-----	B. Hess, Baker, Fox
LIGHTS, WATER AND SEWER-----	Fox, Begnoche, Porter
BUILDING PERMITS-----	Meals, Jordan, B. Hess
AIRPORT-----	D.Hess, Meals, Porter
ZONING-----	Baker, B.Hess, Fox
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS-----	D. Hess, Begnoche, Baker
INSURANCE-----	Begnoche, Jordan, Fox
PUBLIC RECREATION ADVISORY-----	Porter, Jordan, Meals
POLICE ADVISORY-----	B. Hess, Jordan, D. Hess
RECYCLING COMMITTEE-----	Meals, Baker, Porter

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

SEAL

Calvin Wohler
City Clerk