

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on August 16, 2011 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Sterling Meals, Justin Begnoche, Rhys Baker, Jacob Young, Jim Brown, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette and Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher reported that Ron and Lisa Harris have the bricks cleaned up on the side of their building and Drs. Reeves and Stoppel will now have access to the rear entrance of their building. The Harris' are now working on shoring up the wall and moving the door. Progress needs to continue and the council updated on a regular basis.

He also reported that there will be a special council meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a Public Hearing for the 2012 budget and then adopt the 2012 budget.

The Mayor informed the public that an item on the agenda for tonight is consideration for the purchase of trash receptacles. He wanted to assure the people that funds to purchase these receptacles would be coming out of the Street Building, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Account *not* the Street Maintenance Fund. No sales tax dollars will be spent on this purchase if approved. The sales tax monies will be used strictly for new streets only.

Copies of the minutes from the August 1, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2098 and 2099 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of August 2, 2011, special meeting minutes of August 4, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances No. 3390 and 3391. A motion was made by Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Baker, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adopt Ordinance No. 2271 Designating a Handicapped Parking Stall at 602 Clarke Street. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Baker, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 2273 Increasing the Solid Waste Fees from \$10.00 to \$13.00 per month per customer was brought to the Council for consideration. The need for the increase is in part due to the increased prices per ton at the county landfill. Additionally, there is either a need for an additional staff person or to purchase trash receptacles to allow for easier trash pickup. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to adopt Ordinance No. 2273 Increasing the Solid Waste Fees from \$10.00 to \$13.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Brown, Begnoche, Young, Baker, D. Hess and Ouellette. Nays: Meals and B. Hess.

A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor Begnoche to approve Ordinance No. 2274 Adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals, Baker and Brown. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Begnoche to approve Ordinance No. 2275 Adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals, Baker and Brown. Nays: None.

Kent Hessling, Sewer Department Superintendent, is recommending that the Council adopt a sewer maintenance program. This program will include monitoring the sewer lines annually, a section of town at a time. This will enable the crews to determine which lines need cleaning and repairing the most and then making those repairs. Additionally, this will help the lift stations operate more efficiently as this should help eliminate buildup of grit and grime and clogging of the lines. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve Resolution No. 1513 Adopting a Sewer Maintenance Program. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals, Baker and Brown. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve the purchase of a Vermeer/Vac-Tron from Vermeer Great Plains of Goddard, Kansas in the amount of \$48,781.00. Motion carried 8-0.

The Public Services committee is recommending that the Council approve the purchase of trash receptacles for the citizens to help with collection of the trash. This will automate the trash collection process as the trash truck will be retrofitted to allow for the truck to accommodate the new trash cans. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to purchase the trash cans from American Equipment in the amount of \$48.00 per can with a \$300 one time die charge. Roll call vote: Yeas: Ouellette, D. Hess, Baker and Brown. Nays: Meals, B. Hess, Begnoche and Young. The vote resulted in a 4-4 tie. Mayor Thatcher cast the deciding vote as a yea. The motion passed with the tie-breaker vote.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: No update.

Public Safety: Mr. Begnoche reviewed the following building permit for Todd Slagle at 715 Franklin for an addition to the existing building. He reported that the Fire Department and Police Department were running well.

Public Services: Daton Hess reviewed the changes for the Highway 24 East project, which includes curb changes to Carver's entrance. Don Dean will be revising the plan to incorporate the changes.

Property and Recreation: Dennis Ouellette reported that Otto Straub is looking into the continued replacement of the bleachers at the ball diamonds to comply with federal standards. Campbell Field bleachers are next on the list to be replaced. The funds will come out of the Special Parks and Recreation Fund, which is funded by the alcohol tax. The mortar between the bricks at the Band Shell at Dexter Park is coming out. This will cost approximately \$2,000 to fix.

Mr. Begnoche inquired about the lawns that are in need of mowing. Mayor Thatcher indicated that he would review the city ordinance that addresses the codes regarding lawn regulations with the city attorney.

A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk