

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on August 2, 2011 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Justin Begnoche, Jacob Young, Jim Brown, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette, Rhys Baker and Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and Administrative Clerk Linda Stratton. Sterling Meals was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Thatcher indicated that there was a revised agenda adding the reappointment of Don Button to the Public Utilities Commission board as a formal action. Mayor Thatcher reported that the second sales tax monies, in the amount of \$31,333.94 were received from the increase implemented in April of this year.

Copies of the minutes from the July 18, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2096 and 2097 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of July 19, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances No. 3388 and 3389. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess, seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette, Baker and B. Hess. Nays: None.

Bergstrom Growers, Inc. applied for a Tree Trimming License and it was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve the tree trimming license. Motion carried 7-0.

Clifford Burt from Abilene, Kansas also applied for a Tree Trimming License. A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve the tree trimming license. Motion carried 7-0.

North Central Electric, is requesting an Electrical License. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Electrical License. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor B. Hess to re-appoint Don Button for three years on the Public Utilities Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Chuck Smith, Building Inspector gave an update on the Ron and Lisa Harris building located at 615 5th Street. They have been working but there is still blockage of a back door. Mayor Thatcher is requesting that Mr. Smith direct the Harris' to remove all debris by the next council meeting.

Public Safety: Councilor Begnoche reviewed a building permit for Dwight and/or Carol Benninga located at 2244 Eisenhower Drive for a garage.

Public Services: Daton Hess reported a Handicap Sign is requested at 602 Clarke Street. City Attorney Mullin will prepare an ordinance to reflect the change and present it at the second meeting in August for consideration.

Kent Hessling presented a sewer maintenance program at the Study Session prior to the council meeting outlining hiring a crew of two to map, televise and jet the sewer lines throughout the city. They will start with a quadrant at a time to identify the most critical lines the first year and repairing those lines in the second year.

The Public Services Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss increasing the trash fee by \$3.00 per customer. A video was shown of a hydraulic plate to be attached to the trash truck to lift and dump trash cans into the trash truck. This system would require a specific type of trash can and was suggested the City own the carts and provide each trash customer with a 96 gallon trash cart with wheels. Discussed also was the increase in landfill fees that the County Commission approved. E-waste was also brought up with the landfill charging for this beginning September 1, 2011. Mayor Thatcher advised council members to get feedback from their constituents on these matters.

Property and Recreation: No report.

Mayor Thatcher reported we are taking bids for some masonry work to be done on the bandshell.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor B. Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk