

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on December 6, 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, Jacob Young, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette and Rhys Baker. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor Butch Hess was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Thatcher reported that the sales tax collected in September, deposited in November was \$29,293.62 for street improvements. The total sales tax collected to date is \$175,585.92. Mr. Thatcher also reported that the City once again received the Gold Star Rating from Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust for the Loss Prevention Certification Program.

Copies of the minutes from the November 14, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2112, 2113 and 2114 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of November 15, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3404, 3405 and 3406. A motion was made by Councilor Brown, seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, Begnoche, Brown and Baker. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Ouellette to adopt Ordinance No. 2279 Adopting Code Books, 2006 International Building Code, 2006 International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, 2011 National Electrical Code, 2006 International Fire Code and the 2006 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and Repealing said Existing Section and Ordinance No. 2175. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, Begnoche, Brown and Baker. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor Brown to approve Resolution No. 1518 GAAP Waiver. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, Begnoche, Brown and Baker. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Ouellette to approve Resolution No. 1519 Establishing City Boundaries. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, Begnoche, Brown and Baker. Nays: None.

Clerk Rozman is requesting that the office be updated and remodeled with an estimated cost of \$7,927.58. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the updates as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Joe Hurla of 360 Energy Solutions was present to review solicited bids for energy upgrades at various city departments. The overall cost of the project upgrades is \$72,341.00. There is a State Public Projects Grant available that will cover 60% of the costs in the amount of \$43,405 and the city would be responsible for 40%, amounting to \$28,937. The city would be responsible for paying the entire amount and then submit to the state for reimbursement. There were two bids received from businesses in Manhattan. No local contractors were interested in bidding the project as they would have to pay Davis-Bacon wages.

A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor Baker to move forward on the recommended upgrades from Energy 360 Engineers. Councilors Begnoche, Ouellette, Young and Baker voted in favor. Councilors Meals, Brown and Hess voted against the project. Motion carried 4-3.

The Administrative Committee will be meeting with the Planning Commission members on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. to visit with Chris Jones from Beloit regarding updating the zoning codes. They will also be meeting on Friday at 3:00 with John Riggs from Lindsborg regarding the same topic. This will be the starting point in revising the current zoning codes.

Public Safety: Councilor Begnoche reported that there were two building permits for the following: 1. G.T. Mfg., for an addition to their building located at 320 6th Street. 2. Marty Hedman for a carport located at 516 12th Street.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. The Court Street Bridge is nearing completion. The north rail pouring remains and will be opened 5 days after it is poured. 2. The KLINK E-24 concrete work is done. They are now waiting for the weather, which means the project could be on hold until spring. 3. The wastewater department has located/marked 218 manholes and they are now in the GPS system. They have done 232 located for Kansas One Call, televised 16 lines, located 11 holes that weren't on the map and 3 holes that were on the map but don't exist. 4. Kansas Rural Water Association has asked the City of Clay Center to aid the City of Fredonia with the upgrades of the wastewater plant. 5. The viaduct work will begin as soon as the Court Street Bridge is complete. Construction will begin when the traffic lights are installed. 6. The decorative lights will be used on the viaduct. Mr. Callaway will be ordering them as they have to be ordered by a utility company. 7. The State of Kansas notified the City of Clay Center is the recipient of funds for a 2013 KLINK Project for K-15 from Sherman Street north to US-24. This will be brought back at the next council meeting for a vote to accept the KLINK Project. 8. Repairs for the Lincoln Street Bridge were discussed. The state closed the bridge 10 years ago and the city can opt to reopen the bridge if a new deck and asphalt was laid. The cost of the project would be approximately \$15,000. There is a possibility that the guardrail could be used as the decking on the Lincoln Street Bridge. This will be brought back to the council for consideration at a future meeting.

Property and Recreation: No report.

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

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk