

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on July 19, 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, Jacob Young, Jim Brown, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette and Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Rhys Baker was absent from the meeting.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a Public Auction to sell a Delta Oldsmobile that was abandoned and is being stored at the Waste Water Plant. The car did not sell as there were no bidders. The car is now the property of the City and will be sold for scrap as soon as the title work is completed.

Lori Huber, the new Economic Development Group Director was introduced by the Mayor. Lori gave a brief background of where she has been and what she has in store for the area for growth and businesses.

Mayor Thatcher reported that the first sales tax monies, in the amount of \$28,069 were received from the increase implemented in April of this year. Projects will begin with some major patchwork and as funds allow, the rebuilding of the streets will begin. The Mayor will keep the public informed on a monthly basis the amount of revenue that is received through the additional sales tax.

Darrel Farmer was present to update the governing body on the 911 Ride that the American Legion Riders will be doing on Sunday, September 9, 2011. They are asking for the streets to be closed on Lincoln and Court from 5th Street to 6th Street and on 5th Street from Lincoln to Dexter. The ride will start in Clifton to Morganville, Greenville, Wakefield, Longford and end in Clay Center. This will be taken to the Property and Recreation Committee for consideration.

Mr. Thatcher also gave an update on the transformer that caught fire. The transformer had been struck by lightning. Mr. Callaway was able to find a used transformer in Pennsylvania for \$315,000. The cost to ship the transformer is approximately \$38,000. It is anticipated that the transformer will arrive during the first part of the week of July 25.

The audit report for 2011 will be presented at the end of the meeting.

Copies of the minutes from the July 5, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2094 and 2095 were presented for review. The June financial reports were also presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of July 5, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances No. 3386 and 3387. The minutes need to show a correction on the last paragraph of the first page to show that Councilor D. Hess made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2072 and *not* Councilor B. Hess. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess, seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Consent Agenda, with the correction in the minutes in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve Resolution No. 1511 Public Auction for Abandoned Car Confirmation. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals and Brown. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor B. Hess to approve Resolution No. 1512 Adopting a Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals and Brown. Nays: None.

Smith Plumbing, LLC from Manhattan, KS is requesting a Plumbing License. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Plumbing License. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Ron and Lisa Harris were in attendance to discuss the progress of their building located at 615 5th Street. They are working on clearing a walkway on the north side and putting up a stabilizing wall. Mayor Thatcher is requesting that progress continues and that they come to the next council meeting to give the governing body an update. Additionally, they are to keep in touch with Building Inspector, Chuck Smith to give status reports.

Public Safety: Mr. Begnoche reviewed building permits for the following: 1) Sonya Barleen located at 1509 8th Street for an addition; 2) Tom and Wendy Kirchner located at 516 Huntress Street for a garage; and 3) Willard Lenhart located at 1321 Blunt for a deck extension. He reported that the committee had a meeting at 6:30, prior to the council meeting with Pam Kemp to review the Mitigation Plan. This plan is a tool to keep in compliance with FEMA regulations and being eligible to receive funding from FEMA.

Public Services: Daton Hess reported that Charles Mallory is no longer working for the Street Department. He reviewed the plans for the construction on the Viaduct and the Court Street Bridge. Mayor Thatcher and Mr. Hess met with Dale Hershberger to review the plans and schedule for the construction projects. The project is scheduled to be completed no later than November 2012.

Property and Recreation: No report.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor B. Hess to recess for a period of 15 minutes to allow time for the auditor to arrive. Motion carried 7-0.

Brian Nyp of Lowenthal, Webb and Odermann, P.A. reviewed the 2010 audit with the governing body and answered questions. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Begnoche to accept the audit as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, B. Hess, Meals and Brown. Nays: None.

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

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk