

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on November 1, 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, Jim Brown, Rhys Baker, Justin Begnoche, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette and Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher presented service awards and a certificate of appreciation from the League of Kansas Municipality to the following: 10 Year Awards – Justin Begnoche, Gerald Hogan; 15 Year Awards – Butch Hess, Brian Probst; 20 Year Award – John Ihnen and 30 Year Award – Otto Straub.

Mr. Thatcher reported that the sales tax collected for August, paid in October was \$31,976.31. The total amount collected today for the sales tax street improvement fund is \$146,292.30.

Copies of the minutes from the October 17, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2108 and 2109 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of October 18, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3400 and 3401. A motion was made by Councilor J. Hess, seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette, Baker, Begnoche and J. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess to purchase a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado ½ Ton truck for the wastewater department from the Green Team in the amount of \$8,899.00 and seconded by Councilor J. Hess. Kent Hessling requested bids for the truck as the transmission went out in the truck he was driving. Motion carried 8-0.

USD #379 wants to give the city the McKinley School property as they don't have a need for it. There are questions as to whether there is any torn down property buried at that location. Attorney Mullin's office has contacted KDHE to see if they have any record of such property being buried but they have not heard back from them. Councilor Begnoche would like more research put into this as he believes this would be a good piece of property for the city to own for future development. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor J. Hess to table the matter until more research can be done. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Begnoche seconded by Councilor Brown to give a \$300.00 donation to the Youth Academy Bowling Association. This will cover a portion of the entry fees for the approximate 25 to 30 kids that will be attending the state tournament. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: The zoning and planning commission has appointed a subcommittee to start the process of reviewing the current zoning codes and start the revision process. This process will take approximately 18 to 24 months.

Public Safety: Councilor Begnoche reported on the following building permits: 1) James/April Unruh at 615 Lane for a porch. 2) Al Freeman at 1903 7th for a car port. 3) Roy Harris at 418 Northridge for a sun room. He also reported that Halloween was uneventful this year.

Chief Ihnen is working on getting an updated version of the Fire Code. The edition the Fire Department is currently using is 2003. They are considering going to the 2006 version as this is what the State of Kansas is using.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. Councilor Hess distributed a report on the current sales tax collected for street improvements. 2. Improvements will be made on Pomeroy Street in the amount of \$14,000 which will be taken out of the sales tax fund. 3. \$59,000 from the sales tax fund will be used for improvements on the East 24 Highway KLINK project. 4. Work continues on Court street and the bridge and should be all completed by the first week of December.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the proposed land acquisitions around the airport property. FAA is requiring these acquisitions be done to be in compliance and we can continue receiving our funding from FAA as they pay 95% of project funding and the city pays 5%.

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

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk