

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on November 15, 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 Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilors Jim Brown and Rhys Baker were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Thatcher reported that there has been a request for a Public Hearing regarding the Airport Environmental Assessment. This Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Representatives from the City of Clay Center, the Airport Planning Advisory Board and the consultants who prepared the document (Lochner) will be available at the hearing to discuss the proposed project. The Airport Planning and Advisory Board will be the members of the Property and Recreation Committee.

Clerk Rozman reminded everyone that all city licenses are due in the city clerk's office by Monday, November 28. They will be placed on the December 20th agenda for council approval.

Copies of the minutes from the October 31, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2110 and 2111 and the October financial report were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of November 1, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3402 and 3403. A motion was made by Councilor J. Hess, seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Ouellette, Begnoche and J. Hess. Nays: None.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Mayor Thatcher reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission has been meeting to start the process of updating the current zoning codes. Meeting dates have been set for the next couple of months to continue the process.

Public Safety: Councilor Begnoche reported that a newer version of the fire codes will be adopted at the next council meeting.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. All the detour routes on Court Street have been milled and overlaid. The finish work on the bridge is now started. 2. The East Highway 24 KLINK project has begun with the north side curb and gutter near completion. All curb and gutter on the north and south sides should be completed by Thanksgiving. 3. Pomeroy Street mill and overlay is now complete. 4. Councilor Hess gave a report updating the sales tax fund. 5. Mr. Hess also reported on the fall clean-up and disbursed some statistics regarding the tonnage collected, dollars spent and man hours.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting to review the following: 1. Two bids were received for a 430 Diesel Grasshopper with a 61" deck for the Parks and Recreation Department. The bids were from Bruna Implement for \$7,495, which includes a trade-in and also Kan-Equip for \$9,259.50, which also includes the trade-in. A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette to accept the bid from Bruna Implement in the amount of \$7,495.00 and seconded by Councilor J. Hess. Motion carried 6-0. 2. Councilor Ouellette said that research is still

being conducted on the McKinley School property as to whether any building materials are buried there. The school is pursuing a grant to do some soil testing. This will be brought back to a future meeting when more information can be obtained. 3. Mr. Ouellette has been approached by various individuals wanting to put benches in memory of loved ones at Dexter Park. The committee will discuss this at a future meeting as they would like to set some type of criteria so that the benches will look somewhat uniform if they are allowed. The cost of the benches would be the responsibility of the parties wanting to install them. 4. A swimming pool steering will be put together in the future to explore different options in building a new swimming pool. 5. The dog pound fund raising is going somewhat slow but the committee wanted to thank Janelle Michaud and other volunteers for their efforts.

A motion was made by Councilor J. Hess seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk