

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on October 18, 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 reported that Red Ribbon Week will be October 23 thru October 31. A Proclamation was signed and Jean Frigon was present to update the governing body on the activities for the Red Ribbon Week through Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Clay Counts' mission is to reduce the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs by changing community norms regarding the acceptability of illegal consumption. Clay Counts has been instrumental in being proactive in the education of students regarding drugs and alcohol. She encouraged the governing body members to play an active part in mentoring students to help them in making good decisions.

Copies of the minutes from the October 3, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2106 and 2107 and the September financial report were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of October 4, 2011, special meeting minutes of October 6, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3398 and 3399. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess, seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette, Baker, Begnoche and B. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Begnoche to approve Resolution No. 1517 which provides for City Credit Card Use Policy. This policy was adopted upon the recommendation of the auditors. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette, Baker, Begnoche and B. Hess. Nays: None.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: No Update.

Public Safety: Councilor Begnoche reported that there was one building permit for Charles Dunn at 1410 Court for a storage building. He also reported that Fire Safety week went well. All city employees will be going to the Fire Station to participate in fire extinguisher training within the next week.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. The Street Department recently replaced a generator that stopped working. 2. The trash cans were distributed in eight days. Mr. Hess thanked Councilor Ouellette for his help in disbursing them. 3. The KLINK contracts have been sent to Topeka and we are waiting for Shilling to return them and then have a pre-construction conference. 4. The columns have been poured and they are now setting I-beams on the Court Street Bridge. 5. The sewer maintenance crew is up and running. 6. There are two new employees at the street department. 6. A handout was distributed to the governing body updating them on the sales tax monies.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. Parks Superintendent Straub will be soliciting bids for a new lawn mower. He will be trading in the 2006 mower. 2. The large tanks at the pool have been drained for the year. There was some rust damage that was fixed as well as the drains. 3. The school is offering to give the old McKinley School property that they own to the city. The consensus of the committee was to not acquire the property. Councilor Begnoche asked about the

possibility of this being a location to put a new pool in the future. The thought was that part of the old school property is buried there. More information will be brought back to a future meeting and a decision will be made as to whether to acquire the property or not. 4. Mr. Ouellette would like to put together a strategic planning committee in the future to work on funding for a new pool.

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

JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk