

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on September 20, 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, Rhys Baker, Jacob Young, Jim Brown, Daton Hess, Dennis Ouellette and Butch Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher reported on the following: 1. There is a revised agenda adding Resolution No. 1516 Annexing Property into the City limits. 2. The plans for Piotique are going well and there would be some new additions to the celebration as well as an update on the parade route. 3. Construction on the Court Street Bridge is progressing. They have to tear down a little further than anticipated. The engineers came in this morning and they will determine the level that they will stop with and continue on with the project.

Copies of the minutes from the August 15, 2011 and September 6, 2011 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2100, 2101, 2102 and 2103 were presented for review. The City's financial reports for July were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of September 6, 2011 and Appropriation Ordinances No. 3394 and 3395. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess, seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Baker, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor B. Hess to adopt Ordinance No. 2276 Adding a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of 4th and Grant Streets. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Baker, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None.

City Attorney Mullin presented Resolution No. 1515, adopting a solid waste collection plan to begin in October of 2011. His staff prepared a revised Solid Waste section in Chapter XV, article 5 of the Code Book for review. This will be brought back for adoption at a future meeting. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to approve Resolution No. 1515. Roll call vote: Yeas: Begnoche, Baker, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: Meals.

A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Young to approve Resolution No. 1516 Requesting County Commission Findings Concerning Annexation of Property Located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 3 East of the Sixth PM. This property is on East side of town on Broughton Road. The City owns the property so it can be annexed in and is not contiguous with the city. Roll call vote: Yeas: Meals, Begnoche, Baker, Young, D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette and B. Hess. Nays: None. The City Clerk will file the Resolution with the Clay County Board of Commissioners and request that they find and determine that the annexation of such land will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located within such county.

Grant Knoettgen d/b/a Grant Knoettgen Electric applied for an electrical license and it was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the electrical license. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor B. Hess seconded by Councilor Meals to approve a tree trimming license for Jeff Blackwood. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: The committee met prior to the council meeting to review a credit card policy, which has recommended that we have by the auditors. This will be brought back for consideration at a future meeting. The end of the year meetings will be the regularly scheduled meetings in December, which will be December 6 and December 20. There is not a need to have a meeting on December 31 as it has been done in previous years. The current employee evaluation forms will be reviewed by department heads to see if they want to continue with the

current form or revise it. Department heads will be evaluating their employees and submitting those evaluations by the end of October. The Administrative Committee will be setting up a meeting with the Zoning Committee to review the current zoning regulations. The first meeting will be a brainstorming session on how to upgrade our zoning laws.

Public Safety: No Update.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. A revised version of Chapter 15, Article 5, Solid Waste Code was distributed for review. The committee will meet again prior to the next council meeting to make final changes. 2. The sewer maintenance crew will begin the maintenance program on September 27. Notices have been made to inform citizens that maintenance will be performed on the sewer lines and what to expect as a result. 3. Approximately \$6,500 in repairs was done to the street sweeper as it was not working properly. 4. The KLINK project bid opening will be on October 5 at 10:00 a.m. 5. The trash cans will be delivered on October 3, 4 & 5. It will take approximately a month to get them all distributed. 6. Lighting for the viaduct will be the responsibility of the city in the amount of \$12,000 to \$18,000 dollars for six lights. 7. A five to ten minute meeting will be held for the Public Services Committee after the meeting.

Property and Recreation: 1. Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 2. The bleachers have been ordered for Campbell field. 2. The band shell repairs have been made. Staff will need to look into more serious repair work on the band shell in the future as brick is falling apart, cracked and stone work is flaking off. The last major repairs were made in the late 1990's.

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