

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on January 5, 2016 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Betty Livengood, Phil Kasper, Karen Wright, C L Snodgrass, James Brown, Dennis Ouellette, Glenn Hoover and Daton Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Lori Huber, Economic Development Director gave her quarterly report that included the following: 1. The annual EDG meeting will be held on January 28 at CTI, social hour at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. 2. The Small Business Development Center representative, Daryn Soldan, will be in Clay Center the later part of January to meet people. The SMDC office that previously served Clay Center was located in Concordia. 3. A planning meeting was recently held with the main areas of focus on entrepreneurship (existing, potential and promotion of) and non-traditional recruitment (alumni as residents, employees and business owners). 4. Entrepreneur awards will be given at the annual meeting for 1) entrepreneur of the year 2) youth entrepreneur and 3) entrepreneurial employee and 4) social entrepreneur. 5. The Young Entrepreneur Fair will be Thursday, March 17 at Common Ground in conjunction with the Third Thursday. The booth setup will be at 3:00 p.m., judging at 4:00 p.m., open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (people's choice voting completed at 6:30 p.m.) and awards will be given at 7:00 p.m. 6. There will be an entrepreneurship class for any group. 7. Individual businesses worked with were 13 for growth, 7 transition sellers, 7 potential buyers and 10 start-up or potential start-ups.

Mayor Thatcher reviewed the utilities comparison at the new shop building compared to what the utilities ran at the old shop. There are substantial savings in the gas and electric where the water will remain stable as the use will be the same.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 14, 2015 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2317 and 2318 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3609 and 3610. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hess, Livengood, Kasper, Brown, Ouellette, Hoover, Snodgrass and Wright. Nays: None.

Oran Erickson has officially retired after serving on the Public Recreation Committee for 28 years. Mayor Thatcher would like to appoint Patrick Hayes as his replacement on the Public Recreation Committee. A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the appointment of Patrick Hayes on the Public Recreation Committee. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The administrative committee met regarding the budget 2. The administrative office copier/printer/fax/scanner four year lease is now complete. They would like to get a new machine, which will require a new lease. Central Office Service and Supply has given a quote for another four year lease in the amount of \$147.76 per month. This is an increase of \$3.72 per month, up from \$144.04 per month. A new lease agreement will be presented in the near future for consideration. 3. The committee will need to meet in the near future to discuss a request for payment from the County for the funds they committed to the sewer expansion project west of town.

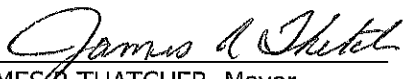
Public Safety: Councilor Snodgrass reported on the following: 1. Fire Chief John Ihnen presented a long-range plan to replace the fire trucks. The desired rotation schedule is to replace a truck every 8 years. The need for an Aerial Truck is first in line at an approximate cost of \$650,000.00. It will take approximately 2-3 months before a bid can be brought to the governing body. Once a bid is accepted, it will take approximately 9 months to receive the truck, making this about a year process. This is now

becoming a safety issue as the parts are continually needing repaired. The cost of refurbishing an aerial truck is approximately \$400,000.00 and the truck would be out of service for 6-9 months, which is not an option.

Public Services: Councilor Brown reported on the following: 1. The \$32,495.76 For sales tax. 2. \$11,059 was received from FEMA for flood damages incurred in the early fall. 3. Bids are currently being solicited for various projects. 4. The bid opening for the 2016 KLINK project will be March 8.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. The cemetery department will be getting a lift bed on the new truck that was recently purchased. The cost of the new bed will be \$8,000.00. The bed off the new truck will be sold to a local body shop and the old truck will also be sold.

Motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0.


JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk