

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2020

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on January 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Shannon Stark, Elton Hess, Glenn Hoover, Randy Rundle, Daton Hess, James Brown and Dennis Ouellette. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor Schultze was absent.

Clerk Rozman swore in the following: Mayor James Thatcher, Councilor Jim Brown, Councilor Daton Hess, and Councilor Glenn Hoover.

Lori Huber, EDG Director reported on the following for the 4th Quarter: 1. The business expo was a success as it is the largest of its kind in the state. 2. An entrepreneur classes are being offered for both adults and students. 3. The Loan Review Committee met and approved an e-community loan application. 4. The Historic District Survey is complete. 5. The new signs for Dexter park have been installed. The American Legion is partnering with CCAN for a sign. 6. Hosted a Land Bank meeting. 7. Assisted NCRPC with a grant application for a Downtown Commercial Building Grant and are now working on a second one.

Jeanna Fancella gave an update on the Wreaths Across America program that Clay Center participated in. This was the 3rd year for this project to be held at Greenwood Cemetery. The project started in 2017 with 200 wreaths, in 2018 there were 345 and in 2019 there were 644. The goal for 2020 is to have 1,000 wreaths put on veteran's graves. Greenwood Cemetery is one of 18 cemeteries in Kansas that participates in this project.

Clerk Rozman reported that a lease agreement for an updated copier/printer/scanner/fax machine will be presented at the January 21 meeting.

Copies of the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2517, 2518 and 2519 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of December 17, 2019 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3809, 3810 and 3811. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: D. Hess, Brown, Ouellette, Hoover, E. Hess, Rundle and Stark. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hoover seconded by Councilor Rundle to approve applying for a zoning variance for the property located at 1617 2nd Street owned by Richard and Connie Baxter. A building permit was erroneously issued as this house is located on a corner lot, thus having two front yard setbacks. This variance will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Hoover seconded by Councilor Brown to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for the following Miss Marie's Diner and Steakhouse. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Brown reported on the following: 1. The committee met with representatives from Prairie Land Partners and CVA to review tax exemption continuations for each individual entity. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the governing body at the January 21 meeting to grant the tax exemptions as requested by both parties.

Public Safety: Councilor Rundle reported on the following: 1. Attorney Mullin has distributed a draft of the potential Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) program. The committee will meet to review the draft in the near future.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. The committee met to approve the 2020 street project listing and will be going out for bids for the concrete and asphalt work. 2. The sales tax received was \$28,964.35.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. The sales tax received was \$28,964.35.

Motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk