

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2024

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on October 15, 2024 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Daton Hess, Theresa Charbonneau, Karla Sweet, Mike Schultze, Glenn Hoover, Elton Hess, and Phil Kasper. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

Mayor Thatcher reminded staff and citizens of the City-Wide Fall Clean Up Project.

Clerk Blackwood reported that there will be a Public Hearing for Nelson's CDBG grant process at the next Council Meeting.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on September 30, 2024 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2758 and 2759 were presented for review. September Financial reports and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's report were also presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of October 1, 2024 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4049 and 4050. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Sweet, Charbonneau, D.Hess, Hoover, E.Hess, Schultze, and Kasper. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to approve Resolution No. 1670 Requesting the Director of Accounts and Reports to Waive the Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) and Causing the Annually Required Financial Audit, of the City of Clay Center, for the Accounting Period of 2025, to be Prepared Based on the Cash Basis and Budget Laws of the State of Kansas, All in the City of Clay Center, Kansas, and Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-1120a(c)(1). Roll call vote: Yeas: E. Hess, Charbonneau, Kasper, Hoover, D.Hess, Schultze, Sweet. Nays: None.

Councilor D. Hess reported that the Street Department received a quote for a 2006 Caterpillar 120H Motor Grader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$85,750.00. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the purchase of the 2006 Caterpillar 120H Motor Grader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$85,750.00. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to accept sealed bids for the Street Department's 1982 Caterpillar Motor Grader. Councilor D. Hess amended the motion seconded by Councilor Kasper to accept sealed bids for the Street Department's 1982 Caterpillar Motor Grader and sell to the highest bidder. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Vacancy Ad. Motion Carried 7-0.

Michelle Tessaro was present to request a donation for the upcoming Cloverton concert on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to be held at The Rex Theatre. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be taken out of the Special Parks and Recreation fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

**Administrative:** Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. No report

**Public Safety:** Councilor Schultze reported on the following: 1. A building permit was issued to Steve Blackwood for a shop/garage at 605 A St. 2. A building permit was issued to Justin and Nikki Burwell for additional space for a garage at 1226 Clay St. 3. A building permit was issued to Roger Clark for a storage shed/garage at 2019 5<sup>th</sup> St. 4. City Attorney's office is continuing to work on a draft Ordinance for UTVs.

**Public Services:** Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The committee met today. 2. Fall Clean Up began today, they started at the North end of town and will work South, only one pass will be made so please have items out. They are at 4<sup>th</sup> and Webster as of today. 3. The sewer infrastructure project at 12<sup>th</sup> St Estates has been placed on hold as the developer is planning to focus on developing the North and South home lots prior to the Center home lots. 4. KDHE Wastewater Operator Certification timelines have changed, a Class I and Class II Operator Certificate can be obtained in 1 year versus the previous timeline of 2 years. There is also now an Operator in Training option which is helpful due to the Statewide shortage of Certified Operators. 5. Thank you to the County for their assistance with Fall Clean-Up.

**Property and Recreation:** Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The Airport Fuel System has a projected shipping date of 10/31, Hoidale requested and paid for expedited shipping and will work with Advanced Electric to get the new system installed as quickly as possible. 2. All the pool chemicals have to be removed before it can be drained. 3. July sales tax collected was \$55,983.81.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Schultze to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

  
JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

