

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2015 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, Jim Brown, Glenn Hoover, Daton Hess and Dennis Ouellette. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher presented employee service awards to the following employees: 15 years – Eric Davis, Sandra McCurry and Linda Stratton. 20 years – Bill Robinson. 25 years – Dr. Tim Penner, John Ihnen and Karen Buckner. 35 years – Otto Straub. He expressed his appreciation for their dedication and hard work and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the League of Kansas Municipalities. Mayor Thatcher also recognized Phil Frigon for his photograph being published in the Kansas calendar publication.

Clerk Rozman reported that licenses for 2015 will soon be expiring. Dog tags for the 2016 year will be available for sale the first of December. Licenses for electric, plumbing and cereal malt beverages are available on the city's website.

Copies of the minutes from the November 2, 2015 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2311 and 2312 were included for review. The October financial reports were also included for review.

Attorney Mullin reported on the following: 1. The alley closing request from Heisterman's Eye Care and the research shows that is a private drive. Attorney Mullin will be doing follow-up on the request with a letter. Mayor Thatcher will ask the Clay County Museum if that drive can be closed and opened when necessary.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of November 3, 2015, Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3603 and 3604. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Livengood, Kasper, Brown, Hoover, Wright, Ouellette, Hess and Snodgrass. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Ouellette to adopt Ordinance No. 2326 Providing for an Increase in the Amount of Municipal Fines for Violation of a Municipal Traffic Ordinance Except for Speeding and Other Minor Infractions for Which the City Code Provides for a Separate Fee Schedule. The current city code has a cap of \$60.00 that was set in 1999 and needs to be updated. Roll call vote: Yeas: Snodgrass, Hess, Ouellette, Wright, Hoover, Brown, Kasper and Livengood. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Wright seconded by Councilor Kasper to adopt Ordinance No. 2327 Providing for Limitations on Keeping of Animals and Poultry/Fowl in the City of Clay Center, Kansas; Amending Section 2-507 of the City Code of the City of Clay Center, Kansas, Repealing Said Existing Sections and Amending Ordinance No. 2158. This ordinance eliminates the square footage pen requirements but maintains the cap at twelve. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hess, Brown, Snodgrass, Livengood, Kasper, Hoover, Wright and Ouellette. Nays: None.

Concordia Tractor, Inc. is requesting that the amount of the Industrial Revenue Bond for construction of their new building set by Resolution No. 1560 adopted on January 20, 2015 be increased from \$6,500,000.00 to \$7,200,000.00 due to the increased cost of construction. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess to adopt Resolution No. 1576 Amending Resolution No. 1560 Determining the Advisability of Issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of a Commercial Facility to be Located in Said City; and Authorizing Execution of Related Documents. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hoover, Wright, Livengood, Ouellette, Snodgrass, Brown, Kasper and Hess. Nays: None.

Revisions to the Airport Industrial Sanitary Sewer are being requested as a result of re-evaluating the project. The change order revised the design of the lift station and forcemain cleanouts for the Clay Center Airport Sewer Extension Project. The revisions were made on November 11, 2015 and approved by KDHE on November 13, 2015. The change results in a net total of (\$37,156.00). A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Kasper to accept the change order as presented by Brent Chestnut of Alfred Benesch, Engineer for the project and authorize the mayor to sign the change order. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: No report.

Public Safety: Councilor Snodgrass reported on the following: 1. Building permit for Donald Hitsman for a carport located at 328 Clarke. 2. Building permit for Stan Walker for a deck roof on house located at 1412 9th Street.

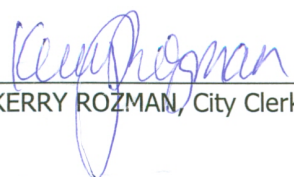
Public Services: Councilor Brown reported on the following: A meeting was held on Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. Discussions included: 1. The dumping of unauthorized material in the sewer at the Fairgrounds and it has been proposed to the county that a sign be posted that it is for RV dumping only and not for commercial dumping. The city attorney and county attorney will be working on an ordinance for future consideration. 2. KDOT has requested that the inspection of the bridges now be done by the City of Clay Center staff. 3. 4th Street has recently been resurfaced to Washington Street. There is a sign at the north end of 4th street that indicates no truck traffic on 4th Street. The suggestion is to put a no thru truck traffic sign located at 4th and Crawford and the north end of 4th Street. Attorney Mullin will prepare an ordinance stating such.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. The contract for the Airport Engineer is expiring in December. This was a five year contract. A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor Brown to authorize the city clerk to solicit request for qualifications for airport engineers as the five year contract that was approved in December of 2010 with Alfred Benesch expires. The notice will be mailed to a number of engineers as well as posted on the Kansas Aviation Association website. Motion carried 8-0. 2. A meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10 at 5:00 at Campbell Field to discuss the condition of the pressbox, concession stand and bathrooms. A local construction company needs to look at the mentioned structures before work is started. 3. There will be a bid for a new truck for the cemetery at the next council meeting. 4. Oran Erickson will be retiring from the Public Recreation position at the end of the year and Pat Hayes is interested in taking his place.

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