

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on November 21, 2023 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Elton Hess, Karla Sweet, Phil Kasper, Glenn Hoover, Mike Peerson and Daton Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor Charbonneau and Councilor Schultze were absent.

Mayor Thatcher recognized the following employees for their years of service. Kent Hessling – 20 years, Shon Bloomdahl – 10 years and Glenn Hoover – 8 years.

Natalie Muruato presented the report from the Strategic Planning Session in April with the Governing Body and Department Heads. The report was included in the agenda packet and the results of the report were reviewed.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on November 6, 2023 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2713 and 2714 were presented for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of November 7, 2023 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4004 and 4005. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Peerson to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: E. Hess, Peerson, D. Hess, Sweet, Kasper and Hoover. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper and seconded by Councilor Sweet to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent to support the Capital Projects Fund Accelerator Grant. If awarded, this grant would help fund a community multi-purpose facility. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney Mullin reported that Discovery Land Services would like to do a geological survey and would like permission to do so along the road right of ways. This is testing that is being done to determine if there are potential oil and/or gas reserves that would be economical to extract. These documents need to be signed by the Mayor and will be on the December 5 agenda for action.

Committee Reports as follows:

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

Public Safety: Clerk Rozman reported on the following: 1. Building permit for Mike and Apryl Peerson for a home located at 803 Hidden Valley Drive.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The committee met to approve soliciting bids for a skid loader for the Street Department. The bids are due on November 29 and will be on the December 5 agenda for approval. 2. Councilor Hess thanked the community for voting on the half-cent sales tax at a ratio of 3:1. 3. Bids will soon be solicited for the 2024 street projects.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The Airport Improvement Plan includes a potential hangar through the FAA grants. Brad Waller, Airport Engineer will be present via Zoom at the December 5 meeting to discuss the project.

A motion was made by Councilor Peerson seconded by Councilor Kasper to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk

