

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2015

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on December 15, 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, James Brown, Dennis Ouellette, Glenn Hoover and Daton Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher reported that our Worker's Comp Insurance Premium decreased significantly for 2016. There are several factors that result in the decrease and one of those is the decreased mod rate. The safety committee and employees continue to do a good job in keeping up on safety and keeping claims down.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 1, 2015 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2315 and 2316 were presented for review. The November financial reports were also included for review.

City Attorney Mullin indicated that a motion was needed to add an additional time to the Lincoln School speed zone from 5:15 to 5:45. A motion was made by Councilor Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to add the time frame of 5:15 to 5:45 to the Lincoln School speed zone. Motion carried 8-0.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of December 1, 2015 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3607 and 3608. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Wright to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hess, Livengood, Kasper, Brown, Ouellette, Hoover, Snodgrass and Wright. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Brown to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 13 Exempting the City of Clay Center, Kansas From the Provisions of K.S.A. 14-103 and K.S.A. 14-201, Relating to the Election of Officers, Their Terms of Office, Transitions to November Elections, the Appointment of Officers, and Nomination Petitions; and Providing Substitute and Additional Provisions on the Same Subject; and Repealing Charter Ordinance No. 6. Roll call vote: Yeas: Brown, Ouellette, Kasper, Hess, Wright, Livengood, Hoover and Snodgrass. Nays: None.

Charter Ordinance No. 14 Exempting the City of Clay Center From the Provisions of L.2015 Chapter 88, Section 71, Relating to the Filling of Governing Body Vacancies was presented to the Council for consideration. A motion was made by Councilor Hess seconded by Councilor Hoover to adopt Charter Ordinance No. 14 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Snodgrass, Hoover, Livengood, Kasper, Hess, Wright, Brown and Ouellette. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Brown to adopt Ordinance No. 2329 Providing for Revision to Governing Body Elections the City of Clay Center, Kansas; Amending Section 1-203 of the City Code of the City of Clay Center, Kansas, by Adding an Additional Provision Thereto, and Amending Sections 6-103 and 6-104 of the City Code. Roll call vote: Hoover, Livengood, Kasper, Brown, Ouellette, Snodgrass, Wright and Hess. Nays: None.

Private Club Licenses have submitted for the following: American Legion Club, Eagles Aerie #3650 and Elks Lodge #2253. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Wright to approve the Private Club Licenses for the above listed. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Livengood to approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the following: Ralph Stirrett Jr., d/b/a Idle Hour Club, MJC Huts, Inc., d/b/a Pizza Hut of Clay Center, Inc., Pinsetters Ownership Group, LLC, El Puerto Mexican Restaurant, Leiszler Oil Co., d/b/a Short Stop #1, Leiszler Oil Co., d/b/a Short Stop #22, Floersch IGA, Inc., d/b/a Ray's Apple Market and Shopko. Motion carried 8-0.

The airport engineer contract with Alfred Benesch, Inc. expires this month. Requests for Qualifications were recently solicited and sent to nine engineering firms as well as posted online. There was only one firm, Alfred Benesch, Inc. that submitted a proposal. A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the proposal from Alfred Benesch, Inc. for airport engineer for a period of 5 years. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

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

Public Safety: Councilor Snodgrass reported on the following: 1. A week ago the committee met with Fire Chief Johnny Ihnen. The information regarding the purchase of a fire truck was provided to all councilors for review. This will be brought back at a future meeting for consideration. Chief Ihnen will be available at the next council meeting to review the information regarding the fire truck.

Public Services: Councilor Brown reported on the following: 1. The September sales tax was \$32,535.49 and still remains strong. 2. There will be a Christmas parade on Thursday, December 17 at 6:00. The parade route was reported on by Councilor Brown. 3. The chemical analysis at the wastewater treatment plant is going well.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. A meeting was held with the committee regarding a letter from Mike Spicer. It was a consensus of the committee to send the letter to the Heinen Brothers to let them address some of the concerns. One of the concerns is that the airport is falling in disrepair. This is not the opinion of the committee as there have been great efforts to clean up the airport. There are other areas that were of concern but are being addressed and are being done. 2. The park department has had to do a great deal of cleanup around the bridge on Highway 24.

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