

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2024

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on December 17, 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, Glenn Hoover, Elton Hess, Phil Kasper and Keith Blake. Councilor Theresa Charbonneau attended via Zoom. Councilors Mike Schultze and Karla Sweet were absent. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 2, 2024 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2768 and 2769 were presented for review. November Financials were also presented for review.

Attorney Mullin reminded the Council that there will be a Public Hearing on January 7th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. for the Riverview Addition Plat Vacation.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of December 3, 2024 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4058 and 4059. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Charbonneau, D.Hess, Blake, E.Hess, Kasper and Hoover. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to change the Scope of the work for the BASE Grant for Penni Wize Investments, LLC on the 12th Street Estates Project that includes deleting the sewer infrastructure, reducing the electrical infrastructure, adding water lines and concrete for driveways. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the BASE Grant Agreement with Penni Wize Investments, LLC for the 12th Street Estates Project. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor D.Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Commercial Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Parks Supervisor, Patrick Hayes, explained an opportunity to apply for a Grant up to \$50,000 for additional Pickleball Courts at Dexter Park through T-Mobile. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application. 6-0.

Clerk Blackwood reported that we received the 2024 Audit Proposal from Gordon CPA who has done an excellent job with the City Audits in the past. The proposal reflects a 3% increase from last year making the fee \$15,130. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the 2024 Audit Proposal from Gordon CPA in the amount of \$15,130. Motion carried 6-0.

Clerk Blackwood reported that after research by the City Attorney's office, the State of Kansas and the City's Auditors that the Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds may be used with Council approval to pay for the gate/archway project at the Cemetery. The gate/archway project was initially paid for out of the Cemetery Reserve Fund. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Transfer to the Cemetery Reserve Fund in the amount of \$18,567.09. Attorney Mullin suggested that the motion should include that this transfer is to reimburse the Cemetery Reserve Fund for the gate/archway project. Councilor Kasper amended the previous motion seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Transfer to Cemetery Reserve Fund in the amount of \$18,567.09 for the reimbursement of the gate/archway project. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor E.Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for 1. Brad Dieckmann d/b/a Dieck's, Inc. 2. DG Retail, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store#2481 3. Family Dollar, LLC d/b/a Family Dollar #32782 4. Ralph Stirrett d/b/a Idle Hour 5. Leiszler Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a Short Stop #1 6. Leiszler Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a Short Stop # 22 7. Floersch IGA, Inc. d/b/a Ray's Apple Market #441. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

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

Public Safety: Councilor E. Hess reported on the following: 1. A building permit was issued to Christine Rhodes for a storage shed at 823 Clay St. 2. A building permit was issued to Don Terreault for an accessibility ramp at 924 Clarke St. 3. A building permit extension was issued to Rural Development Group, LLC for a house at 1309 E. Ave.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The Street Department will be requesting bids for concrete and asphalt for the 2025 half cent sales tax project. 2. The Street Department's clam bucket on the payloader needs to be replaced, the committee will be discussing this and bring it to council in the future for approval. 3. The Wastewater Department had to rent a tractor to inject sludge while the other tractor is being repaired. The Airport's New Holland tractor would not work as the PTO speed was not compatible. 4. The committee will be meeting to discuss an increase in sewer rates. 5. September sales tax collected was \$45,424.99.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. September sales tax collected was \$45,424.99.

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



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

