

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19,2023

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on December 19, 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, Mike Peerson, Phil Kasper, Mike Schultze, Glenn Hoover, and Theresa Charbonneau. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor D. Hess joined the meeting via a phone call.

Clerk Rozman reported that the lease agreement for the printer/copier in city hall will be paid for in January. We will be entering into a new agreement for a new printer/copier in January for a period of four years.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 4, 2023 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2717 and 2718 were presented for review. The November financial reports were also included for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of December 5, 2023 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4008 and 4009. A motion was made by Councilor D.Hess seconded by Councilor Peerson to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Sweet, Charbonneau, D.Hess, Peerson, Hoover, E.Hess, Schultze and Kasper. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to adopt Ordinance No. 2463 Authorizing and Directing the Removal of Certain Unsafe and Dangerous Structures Located at 1235 Lincoln, City of Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas and Legally Described Herein, Authorizing the Financing of the Costs of Such Removal by the Sale of Salvage From Such Structures, if any, and/or From the General Fund of the City; and Levying of Special Assessments Against the Lots or Parcels of Land on Which Such Structures are Located. Roll call vote: Yeas: Kasper, Schultze, E. Hess, Hoover, Peerson, D. Hess, Charbonneau and Sweet. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hoover seconded by Councilor Schultze to approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for: 1. Ralph Stirrett,Jr. d/b/a Idle Hour Club 2. Leiszler Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a Short Stop#1 3. Leiszler Oil Co., Inc. d/b/a Short Stop#22 4. Floersch IGA, Inc. d/b/a Ray's Apple Market 5. DG Retail, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2481 6. Dieck's, Inc., d/b/a Dieck's. 7. Family Dollar #32782. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Charbonneau to authorize City Clerk Rozman to solicit bids for banking services. The bid notification will be sent to United Bank & Trust, Union State Bank, GNBank and Citizens National Bank, official depositories for the City. The bid notification will be sent on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and due on January 31, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. This will be on the first meeting in February for approval. Motion carried 7-0. Councilor Sweet abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Schultze to authorize Mayor Thatcher to sign the Benesch Consulting Services Agreement for the proposed hangar environmental study in the amount of \$25,670.00. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

**Administrative:** Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. Met last week to discuss the vicious animals and breed specific ordinance. Councilor Kasper will be working with CCARE to get a meeting together with Attorney Mason, CCARE representatives, Councilor Kasper, Chief Robinson. 2. Clerk Rozman is working on a grant management policy for the BASE 2.0 grant. This will be put on a future agenda for consideration.

3. The League of Kansas Municipalities sent out a survey to municipalities asking for feedback on a list of incentives they provide to help attract new businesses. The committee will be discussing possible incentives at the next committee meeting.

**Public Safety:** Councilor Schultze reported on the following: 1. A building permit was issued to Matthew Kurman for a shed located at 804 Webster. 2. A building permit was issued to Lowell and Elizabeth Culley for a garage located at 413 Huntress.

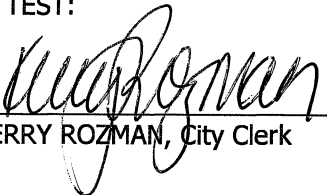
**Public Services:** Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. Bid notifications were distributed for the 2024 asphalt and concrete projects. This will be on the second meeting in January for approval.

**Property and Recreation:** Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. No report.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Schultze to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

  
JAMES R. THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk

