

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2024

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on December 3, 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, Theresa Charbonneau, Karla Sweet, Glenn Hoover, Elton Hess, Phil Kasper and Keith Blake. Councilor Mike Schultze was absent. Also present were Attorney Joel Mason and City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

Mayor Thatcher reminded citizens to use reflective and safety gear when exercising in the dark.

Mayor Thatcher and Clerk Blackwood met with Kiwanis Club Organization, there will be a club re-starting in Clay Center. Kiwanis Club is a youth centered community organization.

Clerk Blackwood reported that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Agreement Renewal will be on the next agenda. This agreement is renewed every 5 years. It's a 3 year rebate program for qualified commercial properties used to encourage rehabilitation or new construction. The program is administered by the County.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on November 18, 2024 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2766 and 2767 were presented for review.

Attorney Mason reported that there is a portion of the Riverview Subdivision that will need to be vacated in order for Public Utilities Solar Project at the Water Treatment Plant to move forward. Council Action would be to authorize the Mayor to sign the petition to vacate a plat in a portion of the Riverview Subdivision and to set a Public Hearing. Scott Graves, Public Utilities Superintendent, presented information and map images of the Kansas Power Pool funded Solar Project. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor D. Hess to authorize the Mayor to sign the Petition to Vacate a Plat in a portion of the Riverview Subdivision and to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Roll Call vote: Yeas: Sweet, Charbonneau, D.Hess, Hoover, E.Hess, Kasper, and Blake. Nays: None.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of November 19, 2024 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4056 and 4057. 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, Sweet, D.Hess, Blake, E.Hess, Kasper and Hoover. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to allocate BASE Grant Funds in the amount of \$29,362.19 to the Rural Development Group, LLC for the MIH Housing Infrastructure Project for sewer and water lines. Motion carried 6-0. Councilor Charbonneau abstained.

Attorney Mason reported that the City received correspondence from Penni Wize Investments, LLC legal counsel, Vic Davis, requesting additional time to review the BASE Grant Agreement. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to table 12th Street Estates-Penni Wize Investments, LLC Change in Scope and BASE Grant Agreement until the next Council Meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Councilor Charbonneau abstained.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to approve the BASE Grant Agreement with Rural Development Group for the MIH Housing Infrastructure Project. Motion carried 6-0. Councilor Charbonneau abstained.

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 extension was issued to Jay Linder for a garage at 1040 10th St.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The clarifier at the Wastewater Department broke down and needed an emergency repair in the amount of approximately \$7,900 which was authorized by the Mayor. 2. The tractor at the Wastewater Department broke down and is needing repaired. This tractor is used for spreading sludge, mowing and snow removal. A quote from Bruna Implement, where the tractor was purchased, was received in the amount of \$24,000 to \$30,000. In order to complete the necessary repairs the tractor will need to be disassembled in half. The committee met today to discuss this item. A motion was made by Councilor D.Hess seconded by Councilor E.Hess to approve the tractor repair quote from Bruna Implement not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried 7-0. 3. Due to increases in operation costs the committee will be researching sewer rates and the possibility of necessary increases.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. Patrick Hayes is applying for a grant for additional Pickleball Courts at Dexter Park. This grant application requires letters of support, Phil is continuing to work with Patrick to obtain necessary information.

A motion was made by Councilor Hoover seconded by Councilor Kasper to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.


JAMES R. THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:


AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

