

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2026

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on March 17, 2026 in the Council Chambers. Council President Daton Hess called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Phil Kasper, Karla Sweet, Glenn Hoover, Daton Hess, Keith Blake, Elton Hess. Councilors Mike Schultze and Theresa Charbonneau attended via Zoom. Also present was City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on March 2, 2026 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2832 and 2833 were presented for review. The February Financial Reports were also included for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of March 3, 2026 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4120 and 4121. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: D.Hess, Hoover, Charbonneau, Blake, E. Hess, Kasper, Schultze and Sweet. Nays: None.

Councilor Kasper reported that the Cemetery Department solicited bids for a 2026 Grasshopper 725D with 61 inch cutting deck. Two bids were received: 1. Bruna Implement in the amount of \$10,550.00. 2. Hometown Outdoor Power in the amount of \$11,034.75. The Property and Recreation Committee had a meeting with Cemetery Sexton, Karen Buckner, and are recommending accepting the bid from Bruna Implement. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Cemetery Department Mower Bid from Bruna Implement in the amount of \$10,550.00. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilor Kasper reported that the Cemetery Department solicited bids for a tractor and received two bids: 1. Bruna Implement for a 2026 Case IH Farmall 75C in the amount of \$51,443.23 2. Prairieland Partners for a 2026 John Deere 5075E in the amount of \$52,911.54. The Property and Recreation Committee had a meeting with Cemetery Sexton, Karen Buckner, and are recommending accepting the bid from Bruna Implement. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Cemetery Department Tractor Bid from Bruna Implement for a 2026 Case IH Farmall 75C in the amount of \$51,443.23. Motion carried 8-0.

Clerk Blackwood reported that a bid notice and bid specifications were developed for the demolition of 732 Clay Street and were presented to the Public Safety committee. The Public Safety Committee is recommending to approve the bid notice and bid specifications with the addition of proper drainage to the bid specifications. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to approve the Bid Notice and Bid Specifications with the addition of proper drainage to the Bid Specifications for the Demolition of 732 Clay Street. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

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

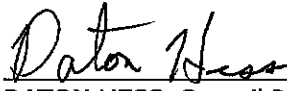
Public Safety: Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. A building permit was issued to Leona Campbell for a carport at 417 Webster St. 2. A building permit extension was issued to Jerome Charbonneau for a garage/shed at 1212 Clay St.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The Street Department is looking into an extended warranty for the Backhoe; will present for action at the next meeting. 2. Vogts-Parga Construction has completed the concrete work for the Street Projects and were approximately \$20,000 under budget. 3. Shilling Construction will tentatively begin asphalt work for the Street Projects mid to late April. 4. Kaw

Valley Engineering is applying for a 2028/2029 CCLIP Project. 5. Wastewater Department has placed an ad to hire a full-time employee. 6. The lift station on 12th Street is needing main suction line replaced; will present quote for action at the next meeting. 7. The lift station at Ray's Apple Market had to be replaced with a rebuilt pump. 8. SMH Consulting will be assisting with a sewer line survey that is at 501 W Crawford for possibly re-routing. 9. Street Supervisor and Committee Chair D.Hess met with Wiebe Construction to discuss the possibility of diagonal parking on the North side of the St. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church-this project has not been approved yet by the Church. Regulations and measurements were given to Wiebe Construction for safety compliance related to the parking and crosswalk area.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. Thanked the Street Department for volunteering to assist with dirt work at USD 379 associated with a sidewalk project. 2. Pool repairs are scheduled to be complete this week. 3. December 2025 sales tax collected was \$63,474.09.

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


DATON HESS, Council President

ATTEST:


AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

