

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on March 18, 2025 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, Mike Schultze, Daton Hess, Keith Blake, Theresa Charbonneau and Elton Hess. Mayor Thatcher was absent. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

Clerk Blackwood reported: 1. The agenda was revised and the Airport Hangar items will be on the next meeting agenda. 2. The Farmer's Market will be from April 26th through October 25th and there will not be a Market on Piotique. 3. TeamMates Mentoring group will be making a donation request at the next Council Meeting. 4. Cowboys for Christ will be making a donation request at the next Council Meeting. 5. There will be Nelson CDBG grant items at the next Council Meeting. 6. There was a Quit Claim Deed presented to the City by Clay County Abstract and Title which corrects a legal description, this will be on a future agenda for action.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on March 3, 2025 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2780 and 2781 were presented for review. February Financial Reports were also presented.

Attorney Mullin reported: 1. He has been continuing to work with the Airport Engineer and Martin Land and Livestock regarding a disruption to the Airport Ground Lease during the Hangar Construction process. An addendum to the current lease reducing the lease fee accordingly will be brought to a future Council Meeting for action. 2. The Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals met today and set two public hearings for May 20th for a re-zoning application and a fence permit variance.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of March 4, 2025 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4070 and 4071. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess 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 Parks Department received two bids for a mower: 1. Bruna Implement-\$10,950 2. Hometown Outdoor Power-\$11,346.38. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Park Department Mower Bid from Bruna in the amount of \$10,950. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilor Kasper reported that the Parks Department received bids from five companies totaling seven bids for Playground Equipment at Tiger Terrace: 1. Athco-\$53,808 2. Cunningham Recreation-\$48,171.49 3. Riggs Recreation Option 1-\$49,963 Option 2-\$50,000 Option 3-\$49,949 4. Aspire 2 Play-\$49,315 5. Fry & Associates-\$48,494.75. Parks Superintendent and Property and Recreation Committee would recommend the Playground Equipment Bid from Fry & Associates for \$48,494.75. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Blake to approve the Tiger Terrace Playground Equipment Bid from Fry & Associates in the amount of \$48,494.75. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilor Kasper reported that the Cemetery Department received two bids for a mower: 1. Bruna Implement-\$10,250 2. Hometown Outdoor Power-\$11,828.65. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Cemetery Mower Bid from Bruna Implement in the amount of \$10,250. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Schultze to approve the Liquor License for Shanti LLC d/b/a South Side Liquor. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to approve the Private Club License for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3650. Motion carried 8-0.

Grow Clay County Director, Natalie Muruato presented information regarding an opportunity for a KDOT Grant for Street Signs and Sidewalks. This Grant would replace Street Signage and build two sidewalk projects. One sidewalk project would extend from Clay Center Housing Authority West to Ray's Apple Market, the second sidewalk project would extend from Clay Center Middle School to the Multi-Generational Life Center. A traffic study was conducted by KDOT and the sidewalk location has been approved by them. Property owners have been contacted regarding the project as well. This KDOT Grant in collaboration with a Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways Grant in the amount of \$50,000 plus a \$15,000 donation from the Trails Committee would provide approximately \$454,696.81 in Street Signs and Sidewalks and cost the City approximately \$47,000 including the survey and engineering required. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor E.Hess to approve the KDOT Street Sign/Sidewalk Grant Application and Authorize the Mayor to sign associated documents. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

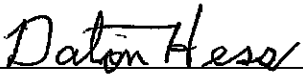
Administrative: Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. No report.

Public Safety: Councilor Schultze reported on the following: 1. A building permit extension was issued to Jerome Charbonneau for a garage at 1212 Clay St. 2. A building permit was issued to Wietharn Investments for a storage shed at 1847 Meadowlark Rd. 3. The Fire Truck will be delivered on Friday.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The County is replacing the bridge East of town on Broughton Rd and the State sent an Agreement for the City to approve. The City Attorney will be reviewing this agreement and it will be brought to a future meeting for action.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The Parks Department did not receive the T-Mobile Grant for the Pickleball Courts. The scope of the project is being adjusted to fit the budgeted amount.

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


DATON HESS, Council President

ATTEST:


AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

