

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2021

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on April 6, 2021 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Elton Hess, Glenn Hoover, Mike Schultze, Karla Sweet, Daton Hess, Jim Brown and Dennis Ouellette. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Dustin Avey of Piper Sandler participated in the meeting via Zoom to review the timeline for the refinancing of the Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds Series 2014 for the pool. He explained that there would be a potential savings of approximately \$875,000 to \$955,000. The current interest rate of the 2014 bonds is 4.63%. The estimated average interest rate after refinancing the 2014 bonds is 1.18%.

Mayor Thatcher reported three qualified applications had been received for the First Ward position and each applicant will be asked the same questions. The applicants are Mike Peerson, Richard Baxter and Judy Leiszler-Dunn. The ballots were prepared prior to the meeting and after the interviews are completed, the council will select the applicant of their choice and Attorney Mullin will collect them and read aloud who each councilor selected.

Numbers were drawn prior to the meeting to determine who would be the first to interview. Judy Leiszler-Dunn received the number one position, Richard Baxter the number two position and Mike Peerson the number three position. The two candidates not being interviewed excused themselves outside of council chambers. This continued throughout the interview process.

Mayor Thatcher asked the Council to vote for the person they wanted on the Council. The vote was as follows: Karla Sweet-Mike Peerson, Elton Hess-Richard Baxter, Dennis Ouellette-Judy Leiszler-Dunn, Glenn Hoover-Mike Peerson, Jim Brown-Richard Baxter, Daton Hess-Mike Peerson, and Mike Schultze-Mike Peerson. Mr. Peerson was asked to come forward to take the oath of office administered by City Clerk Rozman and then take his seat.

Shannon Stark, Chamber Director was present to ask if the city would donate to the Clay County Fireworks Display. She indicated that the County is donating \$3,000 towards the display. A motion was made by Councilor Mike Schultze seconded by Councilor Jim Brown to table this until the next meeting. Motion carried 8-0.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on March 15, 2021 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2581 and 2582 were presented for review. The March financial reports were also included for review.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of March 16, 2021 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3872 and 3873. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor D. Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Ouellette, E. Hess, Brown, Sweet, Hoover, D. Hess, Schultze and Peerson. Nays: None.

Attorney Mullin reviewed the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Councilor Hoover seconded by Councilor Schultze to adopt Ordinance No. 2419 Providing for Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Edition 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Sweet, Brown, Peerson, Ouellette, Hoover, E. Hess, Schultze and D. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Brown to approve Resolution No. 1640 Requesting the Clay Center, Kansas Public Building Commission to Proceed with the Sale of Refunding

Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Refunding the PBC's Outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series 2014; Declaring an Intent to Enter Into a Supplemental Lease With the Public Building Commission Relating to Said Refunding Revenue Bonds; and Making Certain Findings Regarding Offering Documents Related Thereto. Roll call vote: Schultze, D. Hess, Brown, Hoover, Ouellette, E. Hess, Sweet and Peerson. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Agreement with DBT Transportation Services, LLC. for a one-year term in the amount of \$4,500.00. It is required by the FAA to have such an agreement for the maintenance of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). Motion carried 8-0.

The Clay Center Municipal Airport was recently awarded \$9,000 grant of Federal funds for the airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program. Attorney Mullin has not been able to get sufficient information to be able to recommend to the council that this should be signed.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Brown reported on the following: No report.

Public Safety: Councilor Schultze reported on the following: No report.

Public Services: Councilor Hess report on the following: 1. The road construction detour on 6th Street will be moving to Crawford for Short Stop construction. 2. Concrete work is complete for now for the street projects. They will come back mid-summer to complete the total project. They will be making more ADA ramps. 3. The sales tax collected for the streets received in March was \$38,065.78.

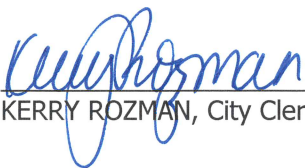
Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. The sales tax collected for the pool received in March was \$38,065.78.

Motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0.



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk