

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2022

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on June 7, 2022 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 Peerson, Phil Kasper, Mike Schultze, Karla Sweet and Daton Hess. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor Hoover arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Thatcher reported that Grow Clay County Director, Natalie Muruato is revising the MOU with the City to reflect the name change. This will be brought to the council at a future meeting for consideration after Attorney Mullin reviews it. Representatives from the Kids Café will attend the next council meeting asking for a donation. Sean Gordon of Gordon CPA will join our meeting on the 21st via Zoom to present the 2021 audit. Staff is working on a budget amendment due to a larger carryover from 2021 than expected.

Shannon Stark, representing Grow Clay County was present to ask for a donation for the 4th of July Firework display. A motion was made by Councilor Schultze seconded by Councilor Peerson to approve a \$1,500 donation to come out of the Special Parks and Recreation Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on May 16, 2022 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2639, 2640 and 2641 were presented for review. The May financial reports were also included.

The Consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of May 17, 2022 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3930, 3931 and 3932. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Peerson, Sweet, Kasper, Schultze, D. Hess and E. Hess. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Schultze to adopt Ordinance No. 2438 Designating That the Intersection of Highway 15 (6th Street) and Lincoln Avenue be Controlled by a Two Way Stop Sign for the East and West Bound Traffic and the Removal of Signal Lights in the City of Clay Center, Kansas. Roll call vote: Yeas: Kasper, E. Hess, Sweet, Peerson, D. Hess and Schultze. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Schultze to approve Resolution No. 1649 Authorizing the City Attorney to Publish Notice and Take Other Necessary Actions to Dispose of Four (4) Abandoned Motor Vehicles Located at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. The public auction will take place at 5:30 on July 5. Roll call vote: Yeas: Schultze, D. Hess, Peerson, Sweet, E. Hess and Kasper. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Peerson seconded by Councilor D. Hess to advertise for the 4th Ward Council position. Motion carried 6-0. The ads will start next week and applications will be accepted until June 30 at noon. The interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, July 5 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Peerson to approve the Alcohol Liquor License for PJ's Liquor. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Schultze to approve the purchase of three tall lighting poles with a 10' luminaire arm, t-base and anchor bolts from Public Utilities in the amount of \$11,898.00. These would be for the 6th & Lincoln intersection. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Schultze to approve the purchase of a Dodge Charger Pursuit AWD 5.7 Hemi from the Kansas Highway Patrol in the amount of \$22,850.00. This will be paid out of the Police reserve. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. The committee met to review a draft of the outdoor dining ordinance. A copy has been provided to the governing body for review and will be placed on the June 21 agenda for consideration. 2. The federal funding policies and procedures were handed out so the committee could look at and come back with suggestions. 3. Premium pay was discussed and a spreadsheet to calculate the cost of such pay was presented as an example of what can be used to calculate the actual cost of such pay. 4. Staff will work on a budget amendment for the 2021 budget to present to the governing body at a near future date. This was due to a larger carryover at the end of 2021 than expected. One suggestion was to adjust the wages to make them more competitive. 5. Bids were recently solicited for the remodel of the bathrooms at city hall. No bids were received and staff has once again started the solicitation process.

Public Safety: Councilor Schultze reported on the following: 1. No report.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess reported on the following: 1. Crews are helping with the trails that are being built by the Utility Park Zoo. The sales tax received for March was \$46,316.47.

Property & Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The city league softball and baseball for ages 4-12 started on Monday. There are 263 boys and girls playing on 26 teams. 2. The AWOS was recently inspected by FAA and passed inspection. 3. The pool season is in full swing. There are 40 employees at the pool. The ADA chairlift is now operational.

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


JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk

