

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on September 19, 2023 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, Theresa Charbonneau, Karla Sweet, Mike Peerson, Daton Hess, and Phil Kasper. Councilor Mike Schultze was absent. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher opened the 2024 Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing for the 2024 budget year at 5:30 p.m. There was no one in attendance nor were there any comments. The public hearing closed at 5:31 p.m. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve Resolution No. 1661 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Roll call vote: Yeas: Sweet, Charbonneau, Kasper, E. Hess, D. Hess, Hoover and Peerson. Nays: None.

Mayor Thatcher opened the 2024 Budget public hearing at 5:32 p.m. There was no one in attendance nor were there any comments. The public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m. A motion was made by Councilor Sweet seconded by Councilor D. Hess to adopt the 2024 budget. Roll call vote: Yeas: Sweet, E. Hess, Kasper, Charbonneau, D. Hess, Hoover and Peerson. Nays: None.

Mayor Thatcher reminded those who are exercising early in the morning to wear reflective clothing or carry a light so people can see them.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on September 5, 2023 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2704 and 2705 were presented for review. The August financial reports were also included.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of September 5, 2023 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3995 and 3996. A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: E. Hess, Peerson, D. Hess, Kasper, Hoover, Sweet and Charbonneau. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Charbonneau to approve the Rundle-Brown Concession and Restroom Building quote from BHS Construction in the amount of \$149,677. Councilor Kasper rescinded the original motion. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Charbonneau to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with BHS Construction after legal counsel has reviewed it. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Sweet to approve the special event license for Jeff Cannizzo for the Ian Roetman Benefit Softball Tournament. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor D. Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the airport farm ground lease with Martin Land and Livestock, LLC from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028 in the total sum of \$60,000. The payments in the amount of \$6,000 will be made on a semi-annual basis due on or before July 1 and December 1. Motion carried 7-0.

The city recently requested RFQ's for airport engineer. The RFQ was advertised through a Kansas Association of Airports (KAA) email blast. Benesch was the only firm to submit the RFQ. This will be for the upcoming projects in the next 5 years. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Peerson to accept the proposal from Benesch and have Mayor Thatcher sign the Statement of Qualifications Award. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Sweet reported on the following: 1. The committee met to review several items as follows: A. The word temporary should be deleted from the temporary dining code as well as have the permit based on a calendar year. B. Removing breed specific ban on dogs and addressing it as vicious dogs. C. Addressing the dog tags and how the number of tags has significantly decreased over the years. D. Allowing UTV/ATV's to be driven on the streets by citizens and not just government employees. E. Bank bid documents are being worked on by Councilor Charbonneau and Clerk Rozman. G. Review the code book and recodify, which is a project that will need to be budgeted for and take some time for such review.

Public Safety: Clerk Rozman reported on the following: 1. Building permit for Nick and Melissa Luke for an equine building/garage located behind Salava Veterinary Clinic.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. Fall clean-up will begin on Tuesday, October 10 beginning at the north end of town, moving south until the town is covered. There will only be one pass through town. 2. The street crew has been working with the Park Department and Larry Lund in putting in the culvert on the north side of Rundle-Brown Athletic Complex. The city would like to thank Larry for all the time and the use of his equipment to help with the project. 3. A truck that is being used by the Street Department will be getting a new motor instead of purchasing a new truck.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: No report.

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



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk

