

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on September 2, 2025 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher 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, Theresa Charbonneau and Elton Hess. Councilor Keith Blake was absent. Also present were City Attorney Dusty Mullin and City Clerk Amelia Blackwood.

Clerk Blackwood reported: 1. Reminded that the Budget and Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings and Budget Adoption will be during the next meeting. 2. There will be a Special Event License for Vintage Gardens at the next meeting. 3. Continuing to work on Life Center leases and will bring those to Council for action at a future meeting.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on August 18, 2025 and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2803 and 2804 were presented for review.

City Attorney Mullin reported that there will be an Ordinance presented for action at an upcoming meeting to clean up a numbering issue in an old Ordinance. This will not change anything besides reference to the correct section of the code book.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of August 19, 2025 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 4093 and 4094. A motion was made by Councilor D.Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: D.Hess, Hoover, Charbonneau, E.Hess, Kasper, Schultze and Sweet. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Kasper seconded by Councilor Hoover to approve the Special Event Licenses for Blake's Bar and Grill for races on September 13th and 27th. Motion carried 7-0.

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 was issued to the City of Clay Center for a Multi-Generational Life Center at 2316 9th St. 2. A building permit was issued to Mike and Elgena Smith for a garage at 416 Lane St. 3. Public Safety committee met with Police Chief Robinson and will be presenting car quotes at the next meeting. 4. The committee is looking at the properties at 732 Clay St and a garage at 725 Bridge St as possible condemnations. 5. The pump nozzle on the aerial fire truck needed to be replaced; the Mayor authorized this expenditure of \$7,000 as it was a matter of public safety.

Public Services: Councilor D. Hess report on the following: 1. The City of Wakefield asked the Street Department to assist in painting lines by the Wakefield High School as they are researching paint machines to purchase and would like to see a demonstration. 2. June sales tax collected was \$52,136.75.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. The Dexter Park Pickleball Court is now open and has been heavily used. 2. The Pool ordered caulking that the Parks Department will apply to the pool. 3. The last day of the pool season was Labor Day. The pooch plunge had to be cancelled due to weather. 4. There will be a committee meeting in the future to discuss off season pool maintenance.

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


JAMES R. THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:


AMELIA BLACKWOOD, City Clerk

