

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on July 21, 2015 in Council Chambers. Mayor Thatcher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Betty Livengood, Phil Kasper, Karen Wright, Dennis Ouellette, Mike Prater, Daton Hess, Jim Brown and C L Snodgrass. Also present were Attorney Monte Green and City Clerk Kerry Rozman.

Sandy Carlson, representing the City Band made a presentation to the governing body. The City Band will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2016. She gave a brief history of the band and the plans for next year to celebrate this milestone. The band members recently contributed money and purchased shirts that commemorate the 100 year celebration. These will be worn by the band for the 2016 season. The band is asking for a donation of \$2,000 to help defray the costs of commissioning composer James Barnes who will be writing a composition for the band to premier a year from now. The total cost of the project will be \$5,000 and the city band will be raising the additional \$3,000 through various fund raisers. She thanked the city for funding the band for 100 years. Jim Brown made a motion to donate \$2,000 from the Special Parks and Recreation fund, the motion was seconded by Councilor Hess. Motion carried 6-0. Abstentions were from Councilor Kasper and Snodgrass.

Clerk Rozman reported that the Administrative Committee will be meeting with the department heads to review the budget on Thursday, July 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. She also reminded the governing body that the annual conference for the League of Kansas Municipalities will be held in Topeka on October 10-12. Arrangements will be made by the clerk if anyone wants to attend.

Copies of the minutes from the July 6, 2015 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2294 and 2295 were included for review. Also included for review were the June Financial reports and the 2nd Quarter 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Mayor Thatcher requested a close session for Acquisition of Real Property. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess for a closed session for Acquisition of Real Property for a period of 10 minutes to include the City Council, Attorney Green, Mayor Thatcher and the City Clerk. Motion carried 8-0. The session began at 5:38 p.m. and ended at 5:48 p.m. No motions or decisions were made in the closed session.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of July 7, 2015 and Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3586 and 3587. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Kasper to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Hess, Ouellette, Prater, Wright, Kasper, Brown, Livengood and Snodgrass. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to adopt Ordinance No. 2320 Providing for an Increase in Sewer Service in the City of Clay Center, Kansas; Amending Section 15-446 of the City Code of the City of Clay, Kansas, Repealing Said Existing Section and Repealing Ordinance No. 2257. The City Code will read as follows: MINIMUM AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES. Beginning August 1, 2015, the minimum charge per month shall be \$7.10. In addition, each contributor shall pay a user charge rate for operation and maintenance including replacement, of \$7.10 per 500 cubic feet of water or a portion thereof as determined in section 15-444. This rate will increase by \$.50 again on August 1, 2016 to \$7.60 and again by \$.50 on August 1, 2017 to \$8.10. The last rate increase was July 2010 and increased by \$5.00 per household. Projects include a sewer maintenance program that employed two new employees that raised 490 manholes and hired KDHE to map them on GPS, Belt Press, Aerators, and Engineer Fees for the new KDHE mandates. Roll call vote: Yeas: Snodgrass, Ouellette, Prater, Livengood, Hess, Wright, Brown and Kasper. Nays: None.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is requiring that the City hire a consulting engineer to conduct a study with recommendations to upgrade the treatment process to reduce total nitrogen phosphorus (TP) in the effluent to meet the treatment goals and "TMDL Calculation" effluent poundage limits. Todd Anderson of SMH was present to explain the process and answer any questions. An agreement for professional engineering services with SMH Consultants for \$14,560.00 to perform these services mandated by KDHE was presented for consideration. The agreement is for an analysis of operating procedures and if there are improvements necessary, which is just the study phase only. A motion was made by Councilor Brown seconded by Councilor Hess to accept the agreement for professional engineering services with SMH in the amount of \$14,560.00. Councilor Brown retracted his motion seconded by Councilor Hess. This item was tabled and a new contract will be presented at the first council meeting in August.

Committee Reports as follows:

Administrative: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. Administrative Committee will meet with department heads on budget. 2. Target date for opening of the animal shelter is December however, they are hoping it is prior to that. Janel Michaud will be available to take anyone on a tour that would like one.

Public Safety: Councilor Snodgrass reported on the following: 1. Building permit for Jay Dee Colt for a car port located at 602 McBrathney.

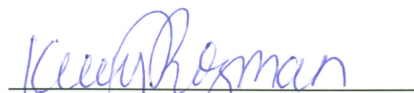
Public Services: Councilor Hess reported on the following. 1. The bid specs for the Prospect Street will be opened on Friday, July 24 at 3:00 in City Hall.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. There will be a Public Hearing for the Public Recreation budget on July 29 at 4:30 p.m. 2. The basketball goals are up at Huntress Park.

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


JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk