

CLAY CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2015

The Clay Center City Council met in regular session on October 6, 2015 in the 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, C L Snodgrass, Daton Hess and Dennis Ouellette. Also present were City Attorney Dustin Mullin and City Clerk Kerry Rozman. Councilor Brown was absent.

Attorney Mullin reported two qualified applications had been received for the Fourth Ward position and each applicant will be asked the same questions. The applicants are Glenn Hoover and Patrick Ramsey. 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. Each applicant will step out while the other applicant is being interviewed.

A coin toss was done prior to the meeting to determine who would be the first to interview. Mr. Ramsey won the toss and elected to defer the first interview to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Ramsey excused himself from the meeting and the governing body conducted the interview with Mr. Hoover. Mr. Ramsey was then interviewed and Mr. Hoover stepped out.

Mayor Thatcher asked the Council to vote for the person they wanted on the Council. The vote was as follows: Livengood-Hoover, Kasper-Hoover, Wright-Hoover Ouellette-Hoover, Hess-Hoover, and Snodgrass-Hoover. Mr. Hoover was asked to come forward to take the oath of office administered by City Clerk Rozman.

Mayor Thatcher reported on the LKM Regional Suppers and the "If I Were Mayor" contest being held by LKM. He will make sure that the schools get the information regarding the contest.

Copies of the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Public Utilities Commission meeting and Public Utilities Commission Appropriations Nos. 2304, 2305 and 2306 were included for review.

Attorney Mullin reminded the council of the Public Hearing on the Zoning/Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City was served another petition to become involved in the airport litigation and filed a new petition to bring the city back into the lawsuit.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the meeting minutes of September 15, 2015, Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3596, 3597 and 3598. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper, seconded by Councilor Hess to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Livengood, Kasper, Wright, Ouellette, Hess and Snodgrass. Nays: None. Abstention: Glenn Hoover

Bids were recently solicited for asphalt projects for the balance of the 2015 year. Two bids were received from Shilling for a total amount of \$149,060.00 and from Bayer Construction Company, Inc. for a total amount of \$153,000 for various projects. A motion was made by Councilor Hess seconded by Councilor Kasper to accept the bid from Shilling and authorize the mayor to sign and accept the bid. The amount of funds will determine what projects will be done in 2015. The two projects that will be done for certain are 4th Street from Kennedy to Washington and Prospect Street from 7th to 8th. Ken Shivers will be contacting Shilling to discuss the two bids for the intersections as the per unit price is considerably higher than the other bids. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Ouellette seconded by Councilor Wright to approve the Contract Change Order No. 1 for the AIP Project 3-20-0010-011 and authorize Mayor Thatcher to sign the change order for

the airport runway. This order adds an additional \$4,782.00 cost to the project for runway edge lights and Master REIL but does not add any additional time to the completion date. Motion carried 7-0.

There are vacancies on two committees that need to be filled now that there is a Fourth Ward Councilor elected. The Mayor would like to appoint Glenn Hoover to the Public Services Committee and also to the Property and Recreation Committee. A motion was made by Councilor Kasper, seconded by Councilor Livengood to approve the recommended appointments. Motion carried 6-0. Abstention: Councilor Hoover.

Committee Reports as follows:

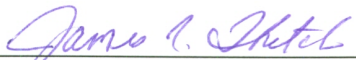
Administrative: Councilor Kasper reported on the following: 1. No report.

Public Safety: Councilor Snodgrass reported on the following: 1. Building permit for Daton Hess for a new home located on the NW corner lot of 12th & Sherman.

Public Services: Councilor Hess reported on the following. 1. The sales tax received in September for July was \$32,025.86 for a grand total of \$1,655,483.87. 2. Kent Hessling will be running an ad on Thursday, October 8 for an open position. 3. The fall clean-up will begin on Tuesday, October 13 beginning at the north end of town moving south. 4. The 2016 KLINK project is still being negotiated with the state regarding the curb and tree removal in order to make it ADA accessible.

Property and Recreation: Councilor Ouellette reported on the following: 1. The sales tax received in September for July was \$32,025.86 for a grand total of \$619,852.28. 2. The high school FFA class planted grass around the pool and the parks department is going to seed the west side of the pool. 3. Playground equipment will be purchased for Tiger Terrace as there are still funds there from the sale of city parks and the intent was to purchase equipment. 4. Fees for the pool next year were discussed and also the pool will be opened on the weekends thru Labor Day. 5. The airport reopened after the runway rehabilitation was complete. There is temporary stripping now and the airport will be opened for 30 days and then closed for another 2 to put on the permanent stripping. 6. The top step at the library is torn up and the cost to repair that step is approximately \$12,000. The library board contacted Mr. Ouellette to see if the city can help finding someone willing to repair the step. The library will pay for the materials and the street department will apply the chemical to repair it. 7. The drinking fountain at Dexter Park was damaged during Piotique and will be paid for by the person's insurance company that caused the damage. 8. The Park Department had an old mower that they gave to the Street Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Wright seconded by Councilor Hess to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.



JAMES R THATCHER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KERRY ROZMAN, City Clerk