

City of Clearwater, Kansas
Sedgwick County
City Council Meeting - MINUTES
January 22, 2019
Clearwater City Hall – Council Chambers
129 E. Ross Avenue Clearwater, KS 67026

1. Call to Order/ Invocation and Flag Salute

Council President Papish called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed the Invocation and flag salute.

2. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll to confirm the presence of a quorum. The following members were present:

Councilmembers; Chris Griffin, Laura Papish, Shirley Palmer-Witt, Yvonne Coon and Tex Titterington were present.

Mayor Burt Ussery was absent

The following staff members were present:

Ron Marsh, City Administrator; Courtney Meyer, City Clerk; Bill Hisle, Chief; Ernie Misak, Director of Public Works; Austin Parker, City Attorney.

Others present: Mike Snyder.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Council president Papish asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Marsh stated there was an addition to the consent agenda to add an Emergency Service appointment of Hank Pate.

Council president called for a motion to approve the agenda as modified.

Motion: *Titterington* moved, *Coon* seconded to accept the January 22, 2019 agenda as modified. Voted and passed unanimously.

4. Public Forum

Mike Snyder, 200 S. Grant, commented on the EMS options City Council was considering. Mr. Snyder commented he doesn't think keeping both Fire and EMS in the city will be sustainable as the prices for maintaining both fleets will continue to rise therefore continue to increase taxes. Mr. Snyder suggested letting the EMS service go to Sedgwick County and just focus on the Fire Department. He suggested having the Fire Volunteers be the first responders and rely on Sedgwick County for transport.

Council president Papish thanked him for his input and that the idea would be put into the formula. She also thanked Mr. Snyder for all he had done for the community while he was a volunteer.

5. Approve Consent Agenda

Council President Papish asked if there was any question on the consent agenda and if not asked for a motion to approve.

Minutes 01/08/19 Council Meeting
Minutes 01/12/19 Council Workshop
Claims and Warrants – \$65,565.64
Mayor Appointment of Emergency Services

Hank Pate - Firefighter

Motion: *Coon* moved, *Palmer-Witt* seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voted and passed unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

- a. **Emergency Services – Ron Marsh reported**
 - Fire had one call since the last meeting.
 - During the last pay period we had 6 ambulance calls one of which was turned over to Sedgwick County due to lack of a full crew. Four of them were transports to the hospital and one was a dispatch error—we were dispatched to an address that was ultimately in Colwich. (This was the third time we've been sent to a Colwich address in recent months. The street names are the same, just wrong town. This latest time we woke up a city council member just to prove we were at the wrong house. After checking the address, a third time, the dispatcher realized their mistake).
 - Sedgwick County Emergency Management will be holding a storm spotter class on March 4, 2019 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Emergency Services building.
- b. **Police Department – Bill Hisle - Stated council had his report and added that there was a hit and run accident on Saturday. All parties were located.**
- c. **Public Works – Ernie Misak stated council had his report and he added that we passed the last waste water discharge and started discharging this week.**

7. Business

a. **Discussion: Rooster Ordinance**

Council members have asked staff if Clearwater has a Rooster Ordinance. Several citizens have called to ask if roosters are allowed in town or if we had an ordinance banning said birds.

Staff has researched and there is no current ordinance specifically pertaining to roosters. Marsh said the definition of a fowl was in the code that was attached with the packet. He did point out that in Section 6-28 covers prohibited acts, specifically noise:

(4) Keep or harbor any animal which, by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action, unreasonably disturbs any person or neighborhood within the corporate limits of the city to effect legal relief; persons so affected directly may sign a complaint in the municipal court;

These are the sections of City Code staff found that does or might pertain to roosters.

The City Attorney has drafted a rooster ordinance for your review and discussion.

Council discussed that the section referring to the prohibited acts, specifically noise covers the complaints. There does not need to be any verbiage added to include banning roosters.

Titterington did want to point out that in section 9 of the current ordinance it does prohibit turtles. He wanted to talk about removing turtles as a prohibited animal.

(9) Keep or maintain, sell or offer for sale, barter or give away exotic animals; provided, this section shall not apply to: tropical or other fishes; birds, except those prohibited by federal or state law; small rodents such as gerbils, rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, chinchillas, mink, nutria and similar fur-bearing mammals; nonpoisonous amphibians and reptiles, not including pythons, anacondas, boa constrictors, monitor lizards, iguanas, alligators, caiman, crocodiles and turtles; provided further that this section does not apply to educational or zoological institutions;

Griffin suggested removing all of section 9.

Council discussed and decided to leave the ordinance as it was as it leaves flexibility to address issues if they were to arise.

b. Discussion: Marketing Strategy for Chisholm Ridge

Marsh explained the remainder of the asphalt will be done in spring. The 8 lots that were owned by David Hartline are now owned by Justin Miller of Miller & Miller Construction. Justin has expressed a desire to start building on his 8 lots very soon. Marsh stated he was going to turn the discussion over to Shirley as she had thoughts on how to possibly proceed.

Shirley stated she thought it worth looking into hiring a realtor/ builder to market and build on the Chisholm Ridge lots. There is a realtor/ builder that has shown interest in Chisholm Ridge. Palmer-Witt thought it would help move the lots if a spec home was put up to help drive interest in the development. She stated that since this is a completely new phase it might be harder to get movement without hiring someone to help the process along.

Marsh informed council that there was not any money budgeted for incentives in 2019. Marsh also suggested if there was a buyer interested in more than two lots to give a price break on the purchase.

Council discussed and wanted to keep an eye on the movement in Chisholm Ridge and asked Marsh to follow up with Justin Miller to see how fast he will be building on his lots. Marsh will also need to follow up with other builder to see if there is interest from them to build in the 3rd phase of Chisholm Ridge.

Marsh stated he will look at getting signage on 103rd marketing the lots available to purchase.

8. Administrators Report

- Mailing has gone out to the community, all addresses with a 67026 zip code. They should start showing up anytime. A copy of the letter was sent to the Times – Sentinel newspaper so they publish a story and hopefully reach even more citizens. The community meetings are scheduled for January 28th and February 4th, both at 6:30 pm in the Senior Community Center.
- As of this afternoon we have received 9 applications for the Paramedic/EMT/Firefighter positions, with several other emails looking for information. We would like to start interviewing at the end of next week.
- The new owners of the old Walmart building have contacted City Hall to let us know they are opening a Jumpstart Convenience Store. They are working in phases and are planning on having the fuel pumps operational in the next 10 days, with the store opening in the next 45 days. These timeframes are both subject to change.
- Marsh did report that staff and leadership team did look at the option Mr. Snyder suggested earlier in the evening but did not think it was a suitable option and our residents are used to having a service in the area and as long as the city can offer a local service they should.

9. Governing Body Comments

Griffin asked how recycling perks works. The new company has not kept up on informing people how to get or use the Perks. Meyer said she would investigate the program and email council the findings.

Titterington had nothing to report

Palmer-Witt asked what the status of hiring applicants for the EMS positions. Marsh reported his goal was to have them hired by March 1st.

Papish asked if a Welcome to Clearwater sign could be put up on the pole in the empty lot at Tracy and Ross. Marsh said he would look at what it would cost.

Coon had nothing to report

10. Adjournment

With no further discussion Council President Papish called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: *Coon* moved, *Palmer-Witt* seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

CERTIFICATE

State of Kansas }
County of Sedgwick }
City of Clearwater }

I, Courtney Meyer, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the January 22, 2019 City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 26th day of February 2019

Courtney Meyer

Courtney Meyer, City Clerk

