

**City of Clearwater, Kansas**  
Sedgwick County  
City Council Meeting - **MINUTES**  
March 22, 2022  
Clearwater City Hall – Council Chambers  
129 E. Ross Avenue Clearwater, KS 67026

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**1. Call to Order/ Invocation and Flag Salute**

Mayor Burt Ussery 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: Mayor Burt Ussery, Councilmembers; Tim Robben, Tex Titterington, Chad Pike, Crystal Walter, and Justin Shore were present.

The following staff members were present:

Courtney Zollinger, City Administrator, Jaye Poe, City Clerk, Cole Hollis, Chadd Posch, Chief Kirk Ives. Amber Ives, Chief Jared Dinwiddie and Justin Patrick.

Tricia Nichols, Samantha Mount, City Residents; Madalyn Mount, Ellie Bock, Amber Saengerhausen and Corbin Smith, HS students were also present.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Ussery asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Zollinger stated item 7 needed to be removed: Nuisance Hearing: 153 Longhorn Court. Mayor Ussery called for a motion to approve the agenda as modified.

**Motion: *Titterington* moved; *Pike* seconded to accept the agenda as modified. Voted and passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Forum**

None

**5. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Ussery asked if there was any question on the consent agenda and if not asked for a motion to approve.

Minutes

Claims and Warrants

**Motion: *Shore* moved; *Robben* seconded to approve the consent agenda. Voted and passed unanimously**

**6. Staff Reports:**

- Administration Office – Courtney Zollinger – Zollinger reminded Council of Workshop for March 29 and that 2 more lots were sold in Chisholm Ridge which will leave 6 lots available. Shore stated that he was excited for the HomeServe meeting.
- Fire Department –Jared Dinwiddie – Shore was asking about the Fleet evaluation for Fire. Staff will get the information to him. Mayor Ussery stated it would be a topic of discussion for the Workshop.
- Police Department – Kirk Ives – None.
- Park – Chadd Posch – Posch added that the Mikesell foundation Treehouse is unsafe and needing

constant repair. There will be plans to contact them for it to be removed. Mayor Ussery wants to show recognition and appreciation for the Mikesell Foundation Treehouse. Zollinger stated they have voiced wanting to replace it. Mayor Ussery suggested a picture be taken and it to be memorialized. Walter asked how long the treehouse has been around, it has been around for more than 9 years. Shore asked if wireless internet would be available at the new park shelters. Posch said yes from SKT. Pike asked if the chunk missing on the basketball court would be fixed with the new plans, Posch stated it would be fixed with the new court being put into place. Ussery asked about bids on concreting around the new basketball court. Posch stated the bids were coming in high now. Titterington asked if the parking lot of the Senior Center would be fixed, there is a crack, Hollis stated it is not on their list at the moment, but he could get it on the list of things to accomplish.

- Public Works – Cole Hollis – Shore asked about asked about cross connection. Hollis stated possibility of untreated source of water leaking into the city water. Robben asked if it is tested. Hollis stated there is no way to test once it is mixed in with City water it is Chlorinated. Hollis stated backflow is to maintain at least 20 PSI, the city maintains at least 58 PSI.
- Senior Center – Amber Ives – Ives added 48-50 people attended the biscuits and gravy feed. They will rent 2 vans for the lunch tomorrow, 25 people are going as of now. Ives stated she will be starting a new trading tomorrow: Matter of Balance. Mayor Ussery asked if the weather would be good for the lunch at Sy's tomorrow. Walter asked if the sound absorbing tiles would be installed all throughout the main room. Ives stated they would just be between the lights, and they will be all gray to match. Ives stated that there was a new attendee today at the Senior Center.

## 7. Business

### a. Mental Health Hospital Resolution

At the March 12, 2022, Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) meeting it was unanimously approved by attendees to show support for the state mental health hospital to be in Sedgwick County.

Sedgwick County Jail is over capacity and approximately 75% of the inmates are experiencing a mental health and/or a substance abuse crisis and the number of inmates on psychological medications increased by over 35% between 2019 and 2021. Organizations that deal with this issue strongly recommend that the State of Kansas provide funding for 200 additional in-patient hospital beds state-wide, including at least 50 in-patient hospital beds in the Sedgwick County region.

The Sedgwick County region would benefit from additional services that could provide a continuum of care for people in need of mental health and substance abuse services that would be less costly than jails, emergency rooms, or traveling outside of the county for services. A state mental health hospital located in the Sedgwick County region would fill significant gaps in care, location, resources, and services available for the safety and appropriate treatment for persons suffering from mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

**Motion:** *Walter* moved; *Shore* seconded to adopt Resolution 08-2022 Resolution to support a state-owned and operated mental health hospital in the Sedgwick County, Kansas region. Voted and passed unanimously.

### b. Marketion Plan for Possible New Logo

At the January 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting the governing body approved staff to work with House of Sharp to create a new city logo. With a few design directions we have narrowed it down to a couple of options.

Through discussion it has been recommended to do an official logo launch if a new logo is decided on. This would mean that we will not release the new logo until we are ready to reveal it. That is why it is

not up on the screens.

In consideration of a new logo there will be a cost to change everywhere in town that has the current city logo. Crystal Walter has spoken with staff and created a list of the items that would need to be updated. We have been compiling a list with pricing and this is what we have.

Fire Department Patches	\$ 400.00
Police Patches	\$ 1,000.00
Business Cards	\$ 385.00
City Street Light Banners	\$ 1,100.00
Truck Decals	\$ 1,825.00
Ink Pens	\$ 400.00
Envelops	\$ 400.00
Stationary	\$ 150.00
Building Sign Fire	
Building Sign PW Bldg #1	
Building Sign PW Bldg #2	
Building Sign Pool	
Building Sign Senior Center	
Hwy 81 Directional Sign	
Water Tower	
Rock Sign at Diagonal	
	\$ 5,660.00

Mayor Ussery asked Walter to speak on the Marketing of the new logo. Walter believes it is important for a new look that is modern and updated to attract businesses and residents, something to take pride in. She would like to see the city employee the marketing group they have been working with for the City Facebook page. Walter stated that the estimate to replace the rock at Diagonal is hard to get a quote on as it is unique. Will need to get a new rock likely. Mayor Ussery stated it is a historical piece of the city. Zollinger stated she is requesting a seal to go with the new logo. Shore asked about a slogan for the city. Zollinger stated there is a slogan on the sign on Highway 81 that says, "Where rush hour ends, and Family begins". Shore suggested with the new launch at the park, to bring in the smoke-free park and cleaner living. Mayor Ussery stated that setting ordinances and policing would be unnecessary, the city is moving in a new and good direction and is pleased with all the new things going on in Clearwater.

**Motion:** *Walter* moved; *Pike* seconded to approve the first option for the new City logo. Voted and passed unanimously.

**8. Governing Body**

Walter - Wanted to voice her appreciation for Zollinger's work on the new logo.

Shore - Attended the Conference in D.C. Anyone who can attend these conferences should. There are a lot of good topics and ideas as well as networking available there. There are Housing issues all over the State. Next Conference will be held in Kansas City.

Pike - There is a lot of positive buzz going around town about the new park shelter and is excited.

Titterington- Nothing.

Robben- Is anticipating the Workshop on the 29<sup>th</sup>. He is excited to get involved with the budget.

Ussery - Asked if there were any conflicts for council to attend the City Council Workshop on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

There were no conflicts. On April 12<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, Sedgwick County Commissioner with EMS will have a presentation to show. Mayor Ussery would like a 5 minute presentation about Clearwater before the presentation from Sedgwick County. Yvonne's service will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Church.

**9. Executive Session**

**Motion: *Shore*** moved, ***Walter*** seconded to recess into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate to include the City Administrator and City Attorney. The open meeting will reconvene in the City Council Chamber at 7:33 p.m.

There will be executive session for 20 minutes including the city attorney and city administrator.

Council came out of executive session with no action taken.

**Adjournment**

With no further discussion Mayor Ussery called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: *Shore*** moved; ***Robben*** seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

**CERTIFICATE**

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

I, Jaye Poe, 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 March 22, 2022, City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
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Jaye Poe, City Clerk