

City of Clearwater, Kansas
Sedgwick County
City Council Meeting - **MINUTES**
July 28, 2020
Clearwater City Hall – Council Chambers
129 E. Ross Avenue Clearwater, KS 67026

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; Justin Shore and Chris Griffin, were present.

Shirley Palmer-Witt, Chad Pike and Yvonne Coon were absent.

The following staff members were present:

Ron Marsh, City Administrator, Courtney Meyer, City Clerk, Chadd Posch, Justin Patrick, Cole Hollis, Jared Dinwiddie, Kirk Ives, Ernie Misak, Jennifer Hill.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Marsh stated that item 9b needed to be removed. Mayor Ussery stated there was no quorum and we will move forward without a vote on the agenda.

After Palmer-Witt arrived Mayor Ussery called for a motion to approve the agenda as modified.

Motion: *Griffin* moved, ***Shore*** seconded to accept the agenda as modified. Voted and passed unanimously.

4. Public Forum

Lonnie Stieben addressed the council and said the trail ride still plans on moving forward with their plans. They will be in town on Sept 9 through 13th. They will be camping at the Chisholm Trail Saddle Club. Stieben stated that the Chamber was planning on providing a meal. At this time he is keeping council up to date on plans. He plans on coming to council for sponsorship at a future meeting.

Mayor Ussery stated that it will be difficult for the City to sponsor the event due to the regulations the State has put on social gatherings.

Chris Griffin enters at 6:33pm.

5. Approve Consent Agenda

After Palmer-Witt arrived, Mayor Ussery asked if there was any question on the consent agenda and if not asked for a motion to approve.

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

6. Staff Reports

- a. Police Department – Kirk Ives – Council had no questions.

- b. Fire Department –Jared Dinwiddie – Shore asked if losing the Pumper is hindering our department. Patrick stated that no, it will be used as a support vehicle and brush truck. Since the truck is still in the fleet it will not affect our ISO rating. Council had no other questions.
- c. Public Works – Cole Hollis – Cole recognized Ernie Misak for his 17 years with the City. Ernie will retire 7/31/2020. Council had no questions.
- d. Parks & Maintenance – Chadd Posch –Council had no questions.

7. Times Sentinel Newspaper Progress Edition

Michelle Leidy-Franklin asked council if they would like to sponsor the paper by taking out an add to show people what has happened in Clearwater the past two year. Times-Sentinel was able to keep the same pricing as before.

Mayor Ussery said there is plenty to talk about in Clearwater we should be able to sponsor.

8. Business

Shirley Palmer-Witt arrived at 6:48

a. Fall Festival Discussion

Rachel Chambers, Fall Festival Board President, stated that the board was behind with getting the festival in order with the regulations put on by the State. With the restrictions the board would be okay if the Council moved to cancel the festival.

Council discussed and all agreed with the gathering restrictions by the State and the steps the schools are taking to keep kids safe, it would be counter productive to sponsor a mass gathering with no way to enforce social distancing.

The city will put out a statement to the public tomorrow explaining the decision.

b. American Tower Prepaid Lease Option

Removed

c. 2nd Quarter Financials

Meyer stated the 2nd quarter financials were in the packet and all departments were on budget. Council had no question.

d. Extending Pool Closing Date

Marsh explained that there have been numerous inquiries if the the pool would stay open later due to the first day of school being pushed to later. Marsh stated the school is tentatively scheduled to begin on 9/1/2020 and fall sports can start practicing as of 8/17/2020. With most of the lifeguards involved in fall sports and unavailable to work once practices begin, Marsh proposes to keep the pool open one week later. The new close date will be 8/16/2020.

Motion: *Shore* moved, *Griffin* seconded to extend the pool opening by one week. Voted and passed unanimously.

9. Administrators Report

- Ernie Misak retires on August 1, 2020 after 17 years of service to the City of Clearwater. We will have a reception honoring him this Friday, July 31st from 2pm – 4pm at City Hall. This is a come and go style reception and I would encourage you to stop by and say goodbye to Ernie.
- Reminder that next meeting is the 2021 budget hearing and approval of the budget.
- Governing Body Institute is this Thursday and Friday for those that are registered.

10. Governing Body Comments

Griffin had nothing to report.

Palmer-Witt had nothing to report.

Shore had nothing to report.

Ussery recognized and thanked Ernie Misak for his devotion to the City. Mayor Ussery then stated that Clearwater is still waiting on a Memorandum of Understanding from Sedgwick County on the Rapid Response Vehicle. He said Sedgwick County plans on having the vehicle in Clearwater 12 hours a day 7 days per week. This will not be an ambulance, but it will have a paramedic to responds to calls. This will be in addition to the Clearwater Volunteer Service that will continue to respond to calls.

Mayor Ussery also commented on the senior graduation that took place the past weekend. He commended the school for putting together a great ceremony.

11. Executive Session KSA 75-4319 (b)(1)

Motion: *Shore* moved, *Palmer-Witt* seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel to discuss specific personnel matters, to include the City Attorney and the City Administrator. The City Council will reconvene the open meeting in the City Council Chamber at 7:15 p.m. Voted and passed unanimously

Mayor Ussery called the meeting back to order at 7:15 and stated there was no action taken in executive session.

Motion: *Shore* moved, *Palmer-Witt* seconded appoint Cole Hollis as new Public Works Director effective 8/1/2020. Voted and passed unanimously

12. Adjournment

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

MOTION: *Griffin* moved; *Shore* seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 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 July 28, 2020 City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 11th day of August 2020

Courtney Meyer, City Clerk