

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**December 27, 2007**

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, City Council was held on Thursday, December 27, 2007, at 7:00 a.m., in the Clearwater City Council Chamber, City Hall, 129 E. Ross Avenue, Clearwater, Kansas.

The following members were present: Mike Justice, Mayor, Mike York, Lyle Berntsen, David FitzGerald, and Jim Whitney. Judy Armstrong was absent. The following staff members were present: Kent Brown, City Administrator and Cheryl Wright, City Clerk. Others present at the meeting were Mary Schauf and Marvin Schauf, citizens.

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Mayor Justice called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Justice dispensed with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to confirm the presence of a quorum.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2007**

**MOTION:** Council Member FitzGerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Whitney and passed unanimously.

**2. Mayor's Recommendations**

There were no appointments or resignations.

**3. Public Forum**

No one addressed the Council.

**4. Hearing on the 2007 Amended Budget**

At 7:05 a.m. Mayor Justice opened the public hearing for the 2007 amended budget. City Clerk Wright reported that the changes in the admin portion of the general fund are primarily redistribution of dollars. The original 2007 budget had the Community/Senior Center expenses budgeted in the admin portion of the general fund. During 2007 a separate

classification for the Community/Center has been set up has been set up in the general fund. The Library Board created the only addition real addition to the 2007 budget. The Library received an additional \$4,000 from the State Library (SCKLS) and the money could not be used in 2007 without a budget amendment. The Library also requested a couple additional small changes to the 2007 budget. At 7:10 a.m. Mayor Justice closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Council Member FitzGerald made a motion to approve the amended 2007 budget. Council Member Berntsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **Quote to Install A/C Condensing Unit in EMS Garage**

City Administrator Brown stated that Donald Schauf received a quote from Becker Bros., Inc. to install an A/C condensing unit for the EMS garage for the amount of \$3,300.00. The air conditioning unit would be installed on the existing slab and connected to the existing electrical supply. The unit is required in order to keep certain medical supplies cool. The fund would come from the 2007 budget.

**MOTION:** Council Member FitzGerald made a motion to approve the purchase of the A/C unit from Becker Bros. for the EMS garage in the amount of \$3,300.00. Council Member Berntsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **Reports**

City Administrator Brown reported that he and Ernie Misak, Public Works Director, have been looking at trailers to transport the backhoe. Brown stated that they have found one for approximately \$6,500 and is requesting authorization to purchase a trailer. By consensus, the Council approved the purchase of a trailer for the backhoe from the 2007 budget.

City Administrator Brown reported that Triple B poured the concrete area at the recycling center on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator Brown reported that there were several problems with the Public Works pager over the Christmas holiday. One of the missed pages was on a sewer backup in a basement on east Ross. Brown stated that the problem was a grease ball in the sewer line causing the blockage.

City Administrator Brown stated that he is suggesting a different structure for contacting Public Works on weekends and holidays, since the pager is not as reliable as needed. Brown stated since Clearwater now has cellular phone service through Southern Kansas Telephone he suggested replacing the pager with a cell phone. After a brief

discussion, by consensus, the Council approved the purchase of a cell phone.

City Administrator Brown reported that over the Christmas holiday a fitting blew apart at well #8 causing a partially flooded well house and a large loss of water. It has been fixed and there were no problems caused by the water.

7. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Being no further discussion to come before the Council, Council Member FitzGerald moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Berntsen and passed unanimously.

**CERTIFICATE**

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

I, Cheryl S. Wright, 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 December 27, City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, this 8th day of January 2008.

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Cheryl S. Wright, City Clerk