

City of Clearwater, Kansas
Sedgwick County
City Council Meeting - MINUTES
June 23, 2015
Clearwater City Hall – Council Chambers
129 E. Ross Avenue Clearwater, KS 67026

Call to Order

Mayor Burt Ussery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation

Councilmember Griffin gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and flag salute.

Roll Call

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

Burt Ussery, Mayor; Laura Papish, Paul Clark, Austin Wood, Chris Griffin - Councilmembers were all present.

Ron Marsh was absent.

The following staff members were present:

Justin Givens, City Administrator; Courtney Meyer, City Clerk; Austin Parker, City Attorney; Others staff members present were: Ernie Misak, Public Works Director; Roy Riggs, Police Officer; Don Schauf, EMS Director.

Others present: Carl Fry, volunteer fireman; Michael Cowherd, resident; Ian Ross, TLC Services; Scott Lucas and Julianna Jacobs, Library Board.

Approval of the Agenda

Givens moved to strike 6b because the contract for American Cell Tower was not ready and Parker asked to strike 6c and speak about it in executive session.

MOTION: *Papish* moved, *Clark* seconded to approve the agenda. Voted and passed unanimously.

Public Forum

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: *Griffin* moved, *Papish* seconded to approve the minutes from regular council session on June 16th. Voted and passed unanimously.

Temporary Notes – 135th St Project and Lagoon Work

Kevin Cowan explained to the Council that the GO Bond Series 2007 could be refunded

to receive a lower interest rate. Cowan gave the Council some choices on the options for refunding. The options included savings up front, savings throughout the life the bond, and savings in the end.

Council discussed and decided to table the decision until the July 14th meeting.

Cowan then presented to Council the General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 Summary of Alternatives. This was a summary of payments. The Council is to review whether to pay of the GO Bonds in 20, 15, or 10 years. He did mention the bond issues with amortizations of 15 years or less were selling best.

Council will review the options and which method would be best. This decision has been tabled until the July 14th meeting.

Fire & EMS Draft Report

Earlier this year the City initiated a study to be conducted by Misty Bruckner of Hugo Wall School at WSU regarding the sustainability of and options for the Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the Clearwater Community.

Ms. Bruckner provided background information on current staffing, service and call information as well as information on future service delivery models. She reported stakeholder engagement sessions with Fire, EMS, and the community as well as reviews from fire and EMS operations in peer communities and provided management and financial models for the community to consider going forward.

Mayor Ussery asked for Ms. Bruckner to review fire training records to determine what has happened and compare to National recommendations and to provide best practices on a recruitment plan for volunteers for the final report.

Library Budget Presentation

Scott Lucas pointed out the Clearwater Library's achievements, current state, the board's vision for the Library, and the reasoning for an increase in mill levy for the library.

Mr. Lucas stated that the current librarian, Sue Koenig, will be leaving and going to the Haysville Public Library on July 26. The board has named Taylor Wilkins as Interim Director.

The Board feels it is necessary to offer more incentives to future librarians in order to keep them on at Clearwater.

The board also feels the library has an "institutional feel" and doesn't meet today's patron expectations. The board would like to remodel the interior of the library to be more inviting to create a community destination.

It was a consensus by the council to consider the library boards request while in the budget process.

FY 2016 Budget Discussion

Mr. Givens explained to council that all departments have submitted their budget. We do not have our assessed valuation from the County yet therefore cannot finalize where we are at with our mill levy as the budget sits.

Mr. Givens also informed the council of the sewer fund that is currently paying for the lagoon expansion and will be in 2017 paying for the upgrades that the state is requiring Clearwater to do. At the rate of upgrades that have been put on the City the fund will not be able to pay for the loans unless there is a rate change.

Council discussed the rates for sewer and agreed to review the impact the loans have on the City and how the City will need to pay for the upgrades the state has enforced on it.

Givens stated that a budget workshop will be needed before next council meeting.

Council decided July 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm will work.

Claims and Warrants

Meyer presented the claims and warrants in the amount of \$123,114.86.

MOTION: *Papish* moved, *Clark* seconded to approve the claims and warrants. Voted and passed unanimously.

City Administrators Report

Administration: Budget preparations continue; banking services update – staff only received one bid (Emprise-our current bank) for banking services. It is recommended to not make any changes to the current banking structure and continue our partnership as is; Fall Festival – A request for a beer garden could be presented at the next meeting along with placement of carnival.

Public Works: Staff will be working on multiple gates around town this week for repairs; staff has scheduled servicing a water leak at the Garvey Grain Complex and on park Glen Ct.

Parks and Recreation: This is the last week of regular season baseball/ softball. Tournament season will begin next week and Clearwater will host teams in the 9 and 10 year old range; Clearwater swim meet is this weekend.

Police: Officer Patterson-Rickstrew is working on a traffic safety award from AAA; Sgt. Luckner is in the process of advanced police Administration Training; A cage has been placed in the Tahoe by PD staff and it is now operational as a patrol vehicle.

Community Center: 2016 grant will be submitted this week. Staff is requesting additional funds but will try to maintain current program levels if not granted; Commodities distribution is next Tuesday.

Council Reports

Wood has nothing to report

Papish has nothing to report

Griffin mentioned there is flooding at Byers and Ross when it rains and asked if Public Works would see if putting in a culvert would help.

Clark has nothing to report

Ussery has nothing to report

Executive Session

Austin Parker, City Attorney asked to speak about the firework contract in executive session at the beginning of the meeting.

MOTION: Papish moved, **Griffin** seconded to go into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss consultation with an attorney for the body for agency this would be deemed privilege in the attorney/ client relationship being the City Attorney at 9:25pm.

Meeting was resumed with no binding action taken in executive session.

MOTION: Clark moved, **Wood** seconded to approve the fireworks contract with legal modifications made. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further discussion to come before the Council

MOTION: Griffin moved, **Wood** seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously

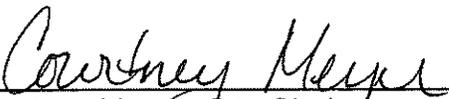
The Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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 June 23, 2015 City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 14th day of July, 2015.



Courtney Meyer, City Clerk