

City of Clearwater, Kansas
Sedgwick County
City Council Meeting - **MINUTES**
January 12, 2021
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; Shirley Palmer-Witt (phone), Chad Pike, Chris Griffin and Justin Shore were present.

The following staff members were present:

Ron Marsh, City Administrator, Courtney Zollinger, City Clerk, Cole Hollis, Chadd Posch, Kirk Ives, Jared Dinwiddie, Justin Patrick.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Ussery asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Marsh stated no. Mayor Ussery called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

4. Public Forum

Crystal Walter and Tex Titterington expressed their interest in the open council seat and introduced themselves to Council and gave a short biography on themselves.

Mayor Ussery stated he would consider both of them and at next council meeting present one of them to the council for their appointment approval.

5. Approve Consent Agenda

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

6. Staff Reports

a. Clerks Office – Courtney Zollinger – Council had no questions.

b. Fire Department –Jared Dinwiddie –Council had no questions.

c. Police Department – Kirk Ives – Council had no questions.

d. Park – Chadd Posch – Palmer-Witt commented the parks are looking real good. Council had no questions.

- e. Public Works – Cole Hollis – Council had no questions.

7. Business

a. Consider Boundary Resolution 1-2021

Yearly, the city is required to adopt a resolution that establishes the corporate boundaries of the city. The resolution is adopted to ensure that municipal codes, regulations and laws have established areas of enforcement.

The 2021 boundary resolution incorporates the following changes to Clearwater’s city limits:

- o 14211 Prairie Grass Circle
- o 8019 Butterfly Court
- o 8438 S 133rd St W

Motion: *Griffin* moved, *Pike* seconded to adopt resolution 01-2021. Voted and passed unanimously.

b. Approve Purchase of Extrication Device for Fire Department

The Clearwater Fire Dept. purchased a Hydraulic type of extrication system back in the mid to late 1990’s that consisted of a cutter and a spreader. This type of system requires hydraulic hosing and a power unit to operate the system. Since its purchase, technology for extrication equipment has advanced dramatically. Although the hydraulic type of system is still available, vendors now have the option to provide battery powered extrication tools. These tools perform the same functions as hydraulic units but allow for more ease of movement with the tools and the operator is not restricted to the length of hydraulic hose line and a power unit to operate at a scene. There is no substantial cost difference between the hydraulic system and the battery-operated system.

With the age and wear and tear of our current system, it is the Department’s recommendation to replace this unit with newer, battery operated extrication tools. By replacing our current unit, it will allow members to operate more freely in any situation requiring extrication tools and members will not have to deal with the restrictions of accessibility that a hydraulic hose line system poses.

The Department hosted two demo days and tested out devices from four different vendors. After each demo members could fill out a survey on what they liked most/least about each tool. These questions ranged from weight, accessibility, battery life, ease of operating, speed, and performance of each tool. After reviewing the surveys submitted, it is the Department’s recommendation to purchase battery operated extrication tools from Genesis. Our members seemed to like this brand the most and liked how the tools performed. The Department is requesting the purchase of 1 Cutter, 1 Spreader, and 1 Combi-Tool unit with RIT Tips.

The four quotes are:

1. Genesis Rescue Systems	\$30,712.00
2. Weis Fire & Safety	\$33,450.00
3. Conrad Fire Equipment	\$34,239.77
4. Danko Emergency Equipment	\$29,007.23

The Fire Department has funds in equipment reserve for extrication devices.

Based on the results of the surveys turned in by members of the Fire Department who attended the demonstration days, staff recommends approving the purchase of extrication devices from Genesis Rescue Systems in the amount of \$30,712.00. Fire Department members preferred the

weight, speed, ease of operating and performance of the Genesis product over the other brands. Also, the battery life and cost were better with the Genesis product.

Council asked about the battery and whether it was an external battery. Justin Patrick explained that it is an external battery that can be interchanged with other Genesis products.

Motion: *Griffin* moved, *Pike* seconded to approve the purchase of the extrication device from Genesis for \$30,712.00. Voted and passed unanimously.

c. Consider Extension of Homebuyers Incentives for 2021

With the beginning of a new year, the Governing Body needs to have a discussion of the Housing Incentive Program for 2021.

In 2020 there were 6 new homes built that were eligible for the 2020 Housing Incentive Program. There are still 6 homes under construction or for sale that qualify for the incentives. These homes are included in the "committed incentives" for 2021 budget.

There is \$15,000 in the 2021 budget for new housing incentives. This would cover up to 15 homebuyer credits.

There is a separate budget line item for committed incentives in the amount of \$30,000. This includes all incentives that already have applications in process.

Pike and Shore asked if there was anything to add to the incentives to make them more appealing so Clearwater would stand further apart from neighboring communities when choosing a place to live.

Palmer-Witt commented that the homebuyer cash payout of \$1500 is not swaying people one way or the other when choosing a home. They are considering location, accessibility, and schools. The incentives are a very small part of the purchase.

With no further discussion there was a consensus the incentives were good to carry into 2021 and Mayor Ussery asked if there was anyone who wanted to make a motion to continue them.

Motion: *Griffin* moved, *Shore* seconded to the 2021 incentives as presented. Voted and passed 3-1 (Pike voted No).

8. Administrators Report

- The directional sign at K-42 and 135th St. has been removed from the Hatfield property. We are storing it in the PW building and will be reaching out to property owners to gauge interest in hosting the sign.
- We are reaching out to mobile food truck operators as we are best able to let them know about the new permit required to operate in Clearwater.
- Reminder that City Hall will be closed Monday, January 18th in honor of MLK Jr birthday.
- The Street Improvement & Recommendation survey conducted by Certified Engineering Design has been completed. I am planning to have them present to the Governing Body at the next Council meeting, January 26th. You will be given a copy tonight to review and hopefully generate questions for them.

9. Governing Body Comments

Griffin had nothing to report.

Palmer-Witt had nothing to report.

Shore suggested for the housing incentives to possibly help subsidize inter in a new home.

Pike had nothing to report.

Ussery asked for staff to send out the meeting invite to the new Commissioner to join us next meeting.

10. Executive Session: K.S.A. 75-4319(b) For the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property

MOTION: *Shore* moved; *Pike* seconded to recess into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate to include the City Attorney and the City Administrator. The open meeting will reconvene in the City Council Chamber at 7:30 p.m. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ussery called the meeting back to order at 7:30 and stated there was no action taken in executive session.

11. Adjournment

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

MOTION: *Shore* moved; *Pike* seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM

CERTIFICATE

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

I, Courtney Zollinger, 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 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 26th day of January 2021

Courtney Zollinger, City Clerk