

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2013

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman  
Kent Steward  
Henry Schwaller IV  
Ron Mellick  
Eber Phelps

Chairperson Hickman declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**2. MINUTES:** There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on December 27, 2012; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:** Henry Schwaller IV moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Reese Barrick be appointed to the Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire December 1, 2015.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman  
Kent Steward  
Henry Schwaller IV  
Ron Mellick  
Eber Phelps

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. DISBANDMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:** The Commission asked for a discussion of

the various committees serving Hays to be placed on the January 3, 2013 work session agenda. The discussion regarding these boards and committees revolved around the possibility of instituting term limits as well as the necessity of each committee. After review and discussion of the Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board, it was determined that due to the many vacancies on the board, and the difficulty in finding qualified, if any, members to serve on the board, the procedural details of the board could be reviewed by staff with input from the City Commission, thereby disbanding the board. While there are many cities in the state of Kansas that have neighborhood revitalization districts, there are no other cities that have a neighborhood revitalization board.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that Resolution No. 2013-001, being a resolution eliminating the Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board for the City of Hays, Kansas, transferring all of its duties, powers, and responsibilities to the Planning and Inspection Department of the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman  
Kent Steward  
Henry Schwaller IV  
Ron Mellick  
Eber Phelps

**6. ELLIS COUNTY COALITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD –**

**CITY OF HAYS REPRESENTATIVE:** Henry Schwaller IV moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Kent Steward be chosen as the representative of the City of Hays on the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development Board for 2013.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman  
Kent Steward  
Henry Schwaller IV  
Ron Mellick  
Eber Phelps

Commissioner Phelps mentioned that he holds an at-large position on the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development Board for another year.

**7. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager had no additional items to report on.

**8. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Commissioner Schwaller asked if members of the Commission will be part of the Western Kansas Congressional delegation that attends annual meetings in Washington D. C.

City Manager Toby Dougherty said that some of the Commissioners will be attending this year as part of the delegation that represents Hays, Dodge City, Garden City, Liberal, Great Bend, Seward County, Ford County, Finney County, as well as some other entities including economic development groups and Chamber of Commerce groups.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he feels the trips are not effective. The cost is very high and only two members of Congress want to meet with us. It might work for other municipalities, but he does not feel that anything is accomplished for the City of Hays. He feels a letter could be just as effective as attending the sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Doris Wing – City Clerk