

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

Chairperson Wasinger 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 22, 2011; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Henry Schwaller IV moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the following consent agenda items be approved:

A. DSNWK/ACCESS Transportation Letters of Support for KDOT funding

B. Receive the following mayoral appointments to be approved at the January 26, 2012 Commission meeting:

Care Council

Mark St. Peter – 2-year term to expire March 1, 2014

Hays Beautification Committee

Wesley Kingsbury – unexpired term to expire August 1, 2012

Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board

Wilbert Pfeifer – 3-year term to expire January 1, 2015

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Troy Hickman
Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Ron Mellick

NEW BUSINESS

5. CHARTER ORDINANCE: ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: The City of Hays is governed by state statute for projects that require contracts. This statute necessitates an engineer's estimate prior to entering a contract, and received bids cannot exceed the estimate. This has the potential to increase costs and delay necessary projects. Staff recommended a charter ordinance be approved which allows the City Manager to designate staff to provide estimates when necessary and grants the City Commission the ability to award bids that exceed the estimate when it's deemed expedient and necessary to do the project.

Kent Steward moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Charter Ordinance No. 27, being an ordinance exempting the City of Hays, Kansas, from the provisions of K.S.A. 14-440 in regard to engineers' estimates be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Troy Hickman
Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Ron Mellick

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

7. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller requested staff prepare a report on recycling for discussion at a future work session.

Commissioner Steward commented on emails that he had recently received from out-of-town travelers concerning the high price of gas paid at Quest Fuel north of I-70. Complaints about this establishment have been on-going for several years and he feels that this has given Hays a bad reputation. He requested further discussion of this matter at a future work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk