

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wayne Billinger  
Troy Hickman  
Henry Schwaller IV  
Absent: Barbara Wasinger  
Kent Steward

Chairperson Billinger 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 January 11, 2007; the minutes stand approved as written.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Finance Director/City Clerk Mark Loughry reported that December sales tax collections for the General Fund decreased \$11,500 compared to December 2005. For the year, sales tax collections are up a weighted 2.9% over 2005. Investments on December 31, 2006 totaled \$33,250,000, which is a decrease of \$500,000 compared to November 30, 2006. Interest due at maturity on current investments totals \$1,549,000, which is an increase of \$3,000 compared to the previous month. The weighted average interest rate on all investments was 5.18%.

Troy Hickman moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of December 2006, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger  
Troy Hickman  
Henry Schwaller IV

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:** There were no items on the consent agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**6. 2007 IMAGERY PROPOSALS:** The City of Hays and Ellis County have partnered in soliciting proposals for the acquisition of new orth-imagery for all of Ellis County. The imagery in and around the City of Hays would be produced at a resolution of 6-inch pixels, while the remainder of the county would be at a resolution of 1-foot pixels. Also included in the proposal are 2-foot contour maps for portions of the City. Proposals were received from five firms with Sanborn Mapping submitting the proposal at the lowest cost. The total cost of the proposal is \$81,235, with the City's share being \$35,100.

City Manager Randy Gustafson recommended approval contingent upon approval by the Ellis County Commissioners.

Henry Schwaller moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the proposal submitted by Sanborn Mapping, in an amount not to exceed \$81,235 with the City share being \$35,100, be accepted contingent upon approval by the Ellis County Commission.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

**7. 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP):** The 10-year Capital Improvement Plan includes projects \$50,000 or over which have a useful life of 5 or more years and meet the criteria set forth in the Policy for Capital Improvements Program and Fixed Assets. The plan includes projects for the Hays Regional Airport, City Hall, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fire Department, Parks Department, and Public Works Department.

The City Manager stated the Capital Improvement Plan is not set in stone; if something should arise that needs to be addressed in a different order, the Plan could be changed.

Troy Hickman moved, Wayne Billinger seconded, that Resolution No. 2007-001, being a resolution adopting by reference the Capital Improvement Plan and repealing all previous resolutions, motions or actions in conflict therewith, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

**8. WATER RATES RESOLUTION:** The Commissioners were requested to approve a resolution allowing for water rates to be increased beginning January 1, 2008 and increased by 3% each successive year on January 1<sup>st</sup>, unless the Governing Body, by resolution, determines otherwise.

Troy Hickman moved, Wayne Billinger seconded, that Resolution No. 2007-002, being a resolution setting the water rates for residential and business customers within the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he will be voting no on this issue. He does support a rate increase next year; he does not like the fact that this would be an automatic increase every successive year. He feels a review should be done annually rather than making it a one-time automatic increase every year. If the resolution stated that the Governing Body will consider rate increases every year, it would be more prudent.

Commissioner Hickman stated that he favors this approach. This will prevent water rates from increasing significantly at some point in the future.

Chairperson Billinger agreed with Commissioner Hickman. He feels it is better to take a gradual approach.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

No: Henry Schwaller IV

**9. FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE:** Troy Hickman moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the regularly-scheduled February 8, 2007 Commission meeting be changed to February 6, 2007 due to the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet event being held that same evening.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

**10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Gustafson stated that staff will be reviewing building standards for the Commerce Parkway corridor and will report to the Commission at a future work session.

**11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Commissioner Hickman requested additional information regarding the one-way streets of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

City Clerk