

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, February 9, 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 January 12, 2012; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Manager Toby Dougherty presented the Financial Statement for the month of December 2011. He reported that month-to-date sales tax collections for the Sports Complex were \$254,212, which was an increase of \$32,384 when compared to last year. Total year-to-date collections are \$2,840,522 and inception-to-date collections total \$6,941,083. Month-to-date General Fund sales tax collections were \$622,295, up \$80,950 compared to last year. Year-to-date collections are \$6,959,478, up \$630,689 from last year. The six month running average on sales tax collections is 8.18%.

The Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$2,500,000 of maturing or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .18%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on December 31, 2011 totaled \$42,750,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .31%. The total balance of the Money Market account on December 31, 2011 was \$950,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$6,800,000 when compared to this time last year.

Ron Mellick moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of December 2011 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Henry Schwaller IV moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

CARE Council

Mark St. Peter – two-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 – three-year term to expire January 1, 2015

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

B. The following proposed mayoral appointments were received and will be presented for approval at the February 23, 2012 Commission meeting:

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board

Jim Krob – unexpired term to expire July 1, 2014

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Armando Orozco – unexpired term to expire January 1, 2014

Carol Solko-Oliff – three-year term to expire January 1, 2015

NEW BUSINESS

6. UPDATE ON ITC TRANSMISSION LINE AND SUBSTATION PROJECT:

Carl Huslig, president of ITC Great Plains and Jeff Jansen, project manager from Black and Veatch, presented an update on the ITC Transmission Line and Substation Project.

ITC Great Plains, LLC was formed in July 2006 as a subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's only fully independent electric transmission company with authority to construct, own, operate, and maintain a regulated, high-voltage transmission system.

Phase I of the Spearville-Axtell project from Spearville to Hays started 10 months ago and is expected to be operational by June 2012. In October 2011, work began on the new Post Rock substation northwest of Hays, where Phase I and Phase II will meet. Phase II of the project is connecting the Post Rock substation to the Axtell, Nebraska substation. The Post Rock substation will also connect with Midwest Energy's Knoll substation nearby.

AGENDA ADD-ON: TREE PLANTING AT SPORTS COMPLEX: Parks Director Jeff Boyle presented an overview of the tree planting program that will soon commence at the Sports Complex.

7. 2012 FUNDING REQUEST BY THE ELLIS COUNTY COALITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development submitted its request for funds disbursement for fiscal year 2012. During the budget process the Commission did not specify the money budgeted for economic development, in the amount of \$87,550, was for the Coalition, therefore, it is necessary for the Coalition to formally request disbursement of the funds.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the funding request by the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development for economic development monies allocated in the 2012 Budget be approved.

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

8. STREET SWEEPER PURCHASE: Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the purchase of a 2012 Elgin Crosswind J+ Street Sweeper from the Missouri Department of Transportation Bid List in the amount of \$195,885 and the sale of the 2005 Elgin Sweeper for not less than \$25,000 upon delivery of the new sweeper, for a net cost of \$170,885, be approved.

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

9. AMENDMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY ORDINANCE: The Hays Police Department has been storing over 140 abandoned bicycles at the old KDOT building located at 22nd & Vine. Ellis County has plans to demolish this building in the near future, which leaves the Police Department without a storage facility large enough to house these bicycles. The Kansas Department of Corrections has expressed interest in taking the bicycles for refurbishing and redistribution to non-profit groups. This would eliminate the need for long-term storage as well as manpower to transport and set up periodic public auctions. Ordinance No. 3846 would allow the bicycles to be donated to a non-profit organization.

Police Chief Don Scheibler stated every effort will be made to find the owner of the abandoned bicycles before they are sent to the Department of Corrections. City ordinances require that abandoned property be kept for a minimum of 30 days before being auctioned off or in this case, given to a non-profit group.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Ordinance No. 3846, being an ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the City of Hays, Kansas, Municipal Code, by modifying Article II, Division 1, Sections 26-21 and 26-22, regarding disposal of abandoned property, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

10. FINANCE/CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FRONT COUNTER REMODEL: A new configuration for the front counter in the Finance/City Clerk's Office will provide better customer service, increase efficiency and provide greater security for staff. The 2012 Budget identifies \$20,000 for this project. Only one bid, in the amount of \$20,953, was received. The overage can be paid out of the Finance/City Clerk's contingency fund. The remodel is planned for the last week in March. City Clerk's staff will set up office in the Commission Chambers during that time.

Kent Steward moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Paul-Wertenberger Construction for the counter remodel in the Finance/City Clerk's Office in an amount not to exceed \$20,953.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

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

12. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller commented on the new art exhibit displayed in the Commission chambers which is part of an 11 year program to showcase local artists' talent. The art is the work

of Dr. John Cody. Commissioner Schwaller thanked Dr. Cody and the Hays Arts Council for making this exhibit possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk