

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Barbara Wasinger  
Ron Mellick  
Christopher Channell  
Allan Lytton  
Troy Hickman

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 29, 2009; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Mike Michaelis, executive director of the Ellis County Coalition of Economic Development, thanked the Commissioners for their support of his organization.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:** Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

Building Trades Board

Tim Jacobs – 4-year term to expire August 27, 2012

Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee

Lorraine Howerton – 3-year term to expire December 1, 2011

Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15 Board

Henry Schwaller IV – 3-year term to expire March 1, 2012

And that a Cereal Malt Beverage License be approved for the Ramada Inn.

Commissioner Hickman stated he will abstain from the vote because he is an employee of the Ramada Inn.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger  
Ron Mellick  
Christopher Channell  
Allan Lytton

The following proposed mayoral appointments were presented:  
Hays Sports Complex Project Development Advisory Committee

Tim Cossaart (member at large)  
Kara Moore (member at large)

The proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the February 26, 2009 Commission meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5. 2009 CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) VEHICLE**

**PURCHASE:** During the 2009 budgeting process, \$24,000 was budgeted in the CVB budget for a vehicle. The actual cost is \$25,970. It was requested that funds, in the amount of \$1,970 be used from the CVB contingency line item to pay the difference to purchase the vehicle for the department.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that additional funding for the purchase of a vehicle for the Convention and Visitors Bureau be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger  
Ron Mellick  
Christopher Channell  
Allan Lytton  
Troy Hickman

#### **6. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NEXT 10-YEAR TRANSPORTATION**

**PROGRAM:** The existing Comprehensive Transportation Program will end in 2009. Governor Sebelius appointed a task force, Transportation - Leveraging Investments in Kansas (T-LINK) to recommend a new plan for the next 10-year

period. In this effort, every county in Kansas has been contacted and requested to sign a resolution in support of the next 10-year transportation program.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Resolution No. 2009-005, being a resolution endorsing transportation improvements for the City of Hays, Kansas concerning the enactment by the Kansas Legislature of a new state wide comprehensive transportation program, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

**7. LEON'S WELDING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT – SCHEDULING OF**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Article 11, Section 13 of the Kansas Constitution allows Kansas cities to exempt from all ad valorem taxation any portion of the appraised valuation of buildings, land, and tangible personal property used exclusively by a newly expanded business for manufacturing, research and development, or the storing of goods traded in interstate commerce. Leon's Welding of Hays has completed the necessary application and process to be eligible for a 50% property tax abatement as allowed by the City of Hays Economic Development Policy. Such an action requires a public hearing as well as the passage of an ordinance enacting the same.

Christopher Channell moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that a public hearing be held on February 26, 2009 to consider approval of a 50% property tax abatement for Leon's Welding.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

**8. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager reported that he is closely following media reports concerning the stimulus package that is expected to be passed by our congressman in Washington D.C.

**9. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Chairperson Wasinger thanked the American Legion for hosting the Winter Forum. She also thanked Harlan Murphy for his 14 years of dedicated service on the Hays Housing Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Murphy is retiring this month from his duties.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Christopher Channell moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:45 p.m. for 40 minutes to discuss attorney-client privileged information, union negotiations, property acquisition, and personnel issues. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

Christopher Channell moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:25 p.m. for an additional 10 minutes to further discuss the items identified in the first motion for executive session. The same individuals participated in the executive session.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m. She stated no action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

City Clerk