

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 January 24, 2008; the minutes stand approved as written.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Larry Dreiling, president of the Hays Rotary Club, update the Commissioners on the many activities and programs sponsored by the Rotary Club. Mr. Dreiling expressed his thanks for the Commissioners' help with the plaques at the Sister Cities Plaza, 13<sup>th</sup> and Hall Street.

Alan Moore, president of the USD 489 Board of Education, expressed thanks to members of the Hays Police Department for their cooperation and professionalism in helping to protect the educational community in Hays.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairperson Hickman presented the following proposed mayoral appointments:

Care Council

Gary Aufdemberge – 2-year term to expire March 1, 2010

Kay Unruh – 2-year term to expire March 1, 2010

Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15 Board

Joseph Glassman – 3-year term to expire March 1, 2011

Wayne Billinger – 3-year term to expire March 1, 2011

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Muzaffar Iqbal – 3-year term to expire January 1, 2011

The appointments will be presented for approval at the February 28, 2008 City Commission meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. KANSAS READY MIX CONCRETE AWARD – 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** On behalf of APAC - Kansas and the Kansas Ready Mix Concrete Association, Alan Moore presented the Kansas Ready Mix Concrete Association for Outstanding Concrete Pavement Award for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project to the City of Hays.

**6. EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT:** First Call for Help, in collaboration with the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, is requesting that an application be submitted through the City of Hays to the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation for an Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$28,000.00. This grant would be used for homeless prevention including conditional payments to prevent evictions and utility shut-offs. The City has applied for this grant for the last five or six years for First Call for Help.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the grant application to the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation for an Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$28,000.00 be approved.

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

**7. HAYS AQUATIC PARK/WILSON POOL FEES:** Discussion was held at the February 7, 2008 work session about raising fees at the Hays Aquatic Park (HAP) and Wilson Pool. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to charge the same rate of \$3.00 for both weekday and weekend use at the HAP and keep the season pass at \$35.00 for the 2008 swim season. The fee at Wilson Pool will be \$2.00 and scholarship passes will remain at \$15.00.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the proposed fees at the Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool be approved.

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

**8. TREE REBATE PROGRAM:** Parks Director Jeff Boyle recommended two changes to the Tree Rebate Program. The first change would be to allow trees planted anywhere on residential property to be eligible for a rebate. Currently, only tree plantings in front or side yards are considered for reimbursement. He further recommended that the reimbursement for tree removal be increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for trees confirmed to be infected with Pine Wilt Disease.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the proposed changes to the Tree Rebate Program be approved.

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

**9. 2008 STREET MAINTENANCE BIDS:** Allan Lytton moved, Christopher Channell seconded that the following bids for the 2008 Street Maintenance Program be approved:

Chip Seal: B & H Paving - \$243,945.28

Curb and Brick Repair: Bryant and Bryant - \$84,561.00

Seal Coat: Proseal, Inc. - \$16,387.56

Poly Patch: APAC – Kansas, Inc.: - \$230,133.20

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

**10. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) AGREEMENT –**

**NORTH US-183 IMPROVEMENTS:** KDOT is planning to construct improvements to US-183 north of Hays to the Rooks County line. The project would begin just north of 55<sup>th</sup> Street where the System Enhancement Project left off. Since the city limits extends north of 55<sup>th</sup> Street and includes a portion of KDOT right-of-way included in the project, KDOT has prepared an agreement which allows for the construction of this project. The project is 100% funded by state and federal funds.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Resolution No. 2008-005, being a resolution relating to benefits obtainable by cities under program for federal aid on highway construction, be approved.

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

**11. PROPERTY ACQUISITION:** Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the acquisition of property at 108 and 108 ½ West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$150,000.00 be approved.

Chairman Hickman stated this property is being purchased for future potential expansion of City Hall or for providing additional parking some time in the future. At this point in time, there are not any concrete plans for development of the property.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that this purchase will be paid for out of the City Manager Contingency Fund.

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

**12. CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:** The Third Addendum to the City Manager's Employment Agreement is modified to provide for a cost of living adjustment and a merit increase.

Allan Lytton moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the Third Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City of Hays and Toby R. Dougherty be approved.

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

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

**14. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Commissioner Mellick requested that City staff look into placing signage regarding the double turn lane on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street near the Wal-Mart store.

Commissioner Wasinger paid tribute to Mike Billinger, former Mayor and City Commissioner, who passed away on February 5, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

City Clerk