

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Troy Hickman

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 February 22, 2007; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: **A.** Chairperson Billinger presented the following list of names for Commission approval for mayoral appointments:

Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board:

Kim Hodny

Alan Stecklein

CARE Council:

Wayne DeBusk

The proposed appointments will be considered for approval at the March 22, 2007 Commission meeting.

B. Barbara Wasinger moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the following mayoral appointments that were presented at the February 22, 2007 Commission meeting be approved:

Airport Advisory Committee:	Lawrence Holden
Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board:	Bill Bieker Karen Schueler
Hays Beautification Committee:	Tobias Flores Becky Kiser Terri Mac Donald Ariadna Reinerio
Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Comm:	Elinda Bauer Russ Pfannenstiel William Smriga Bob Wihlem
Hays-Ellis County Board of Zoning Appeals:	Jerry Sonntag
Hays-Ellis County Planning Commission:	Jean Dean
Hays Housing Authority:	Barbara Kramer
Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board:	Linda Donlay
Sister Cities Advisory Board:	Susan Gamboa Abdul Ahad Haleem Esperanza Lehman

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF HAYS AREA PLANNING COMMISSION / HAYS AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Henry Schwaller IV moved, Kent Steward seconded, that action on this item be tabled.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

NEW BUSINESS

6. LARKS BASEBALL: Representatives of the Hays Baseball Association (HBA) appeared before the Commission at the March 1, 2007 work session to discuss funding solutions the City of Hays may be able to offer the group. HBA runs four baseball programs and had a net income loss in 2006 of \$9,266 and is projecting a \$24,000 deficit in 2007.

Kent Steward moved, Wayne Billinger seconded, that the City of Hays make a one-time donation up to \$20,000 to the Hays Baseball Association and require that HBA show receipts/expenses for operation of the program within 60 days of the end of the season.

Commissioner Steward stated that he does not think it is appropriate for the City to fund this program on any kind of permanent basis. If it were to be funded with taxpayer monies, it should be done through the Hays Recreation Commission. He feels the City should play a role in helping meet emergencies, much like the energy assistance that has been provided to citizens in the community. HBA is a very commendable organization; it represents a long tradition in the City and their programs bring a lot of economic activity to the City.

Commissioner Steward stated he made the motion to open the discussion on this issue and is open to hearing possible amendments to his motion.

Commissioner Wasinger agrees with Commissioner Steward that it should be a one-time donation. She would be more comfortable giving them \$9,266 to cover last year's loss and help them start the year on an even basis.

Commissioner Schwaller stated that he feels the City Manager should contact Fort Hays State University and request that rental (\$3,000 per year) on the Larks Park facility be waived for the past year and also 2007.

Chairperson Billinger stated he felt the Commission should approve the full amount (\$25,000) that was requested at the work session. He feels that if less than that is given and the parents have to fund the program, only those that can afford to pay will be able to play.

Commissioner Schwaller feels that this should be a shared effort. A City donation of \$10,000, plus FHSU waiving the rental fee for 2006 and 2007 would get the HBA half way out of debt.

Mel Karst, president of the HBA, stated that he plans on visiting with the Hays Recreation Commission to explore some long-term funding options, especially for the two younger teams.

Commissioner Steward amended his motion to donate \$10,000 to the Hays Baseball Association, to be paid out of the City Commission Contingency Fund, and that the Hays Baseball Association provide financial data to the City within 60 days of the end of the season. Chairperson Billinger approved the amended motion.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Kent Steward

7. TREE REMOVAL: In 2007, an amount of \$15,000 is budgeted for the removal of dead or dying trees in Frontier Park. Tree and stump removal was bid on an individual basis with six contractors placing bids. If the low bid from each contractor was accepted, the total project cost would be \$6,458.80. City staff recommends accepting the second lowest bid on five trees or stumps in an effort to be more efficient and limit the number of contractors. With these changes, the project total will be \$6,491.60, a difference of \$32.80.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the following bids for tree/stump removal be approved:

Arensman Services	\$1,165.00
Morgenstern Tree Services LLC	2,770.00
B & B Tree and Stump Removal	1,161.60
Paul's Lawn and Tree Service	1,395.00

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
 Barbara Wasinger
 Henry Schwaller IV
 Kent Steward

8. HAYS AQUATIC PARK REPAIR EXPENSE: An amount of \$12,000 is budgeted in 2007 for the replacement of the tube tent structure, painting the frog slide, and replacing the exhaust fan, duct work, lock, and grills in the acid room. Additional repairs include the installation of tile in the Lazy River, electrical repairs in the acid room, replacement of the gas line in the acid room, repairs to the starting blocks and concrete, and repairs to the broken welds in the gutters, slide tank, and geyser. These repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$16,300. Staff is requesting the use of pool reserve funds for these repairs.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Kent Steward seconded, that pool reserve funds in the amount of \$16,300 be approved to be spent for additional repairs at the Hays Aquatic Park.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
 Barbara Wasinger
 Henry Schwaller IV
 Kent Steward

9. 2007 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: In October 2006, City staff presented the 2007 Street Maintenance Program, which proposed a plan for performing various street maintenance activities to include crack seal, poly-patch, seal coat, chip seal, reclaim and double chip, concrete alley replacement, and

curb repair. Since that time, bids were received and contracts awarded for the performance of these improvements on various streets throughout the city.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the 2007 Street Maintenance Program be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Kent Steward

10. AUTOMATED REFUSE TRUCK BIDS: City staff solicited bids for three new automated refuse trucks. Bids were received from three different vendors, with Downing Sales submitting the lowest bid of \$152,851 per truck, for a total cost of \$458,553. The trucks would be delivered in September 2007. One of the current refuse trucks will be equipped with a cart tipper for use as a recycling truck and backup for the automated trucks. The two remaining refuse trucks will be modified for use as dump trucks in lieu of purchasing two new dump trucks.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the bid submitted by Downing Sales, in the amount of \$458,553, for the purchase of three refuse trucks be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Kent Steward

11. WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT AUTHORIZATION: Previously, the City Commission authorized staff to proceed with issuing revenue bonds to complete certain capital projects in the Water and Sewer Fund. Before any work can be completed on these projects, it is necessary for the Commission to pass a resolution declaring the intent of the City to issue revenue bonds to reimburse itself for the work.

City Manager Gustafson stated that the following projects will be completed with the proceeds from the revenue bonds:

1. Repair/repainting of the interior of the one-million gallon water tower

2. Various water line upgrades and improvements within the City
3. Replacement of filter controls and panel system for Water Treatment Plant
4. Sanitary sewer improvements within the Tallgrass Development
5. Trickling filter, blowers and basin mixing improvements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
6. SCADA improvements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
7. Replacement of boiler and biogas upgrade for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
8. Upgrade of high capacity influent pumps with variable frequency drives for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kent Steward moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that Resolution 2007-004, being a resolution declaring it necessary to repair, alter, extend, reconstruct, enlarge or improve the water and sewage system of the City of Hays, Kansas; to issue Water and Sewage System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,620,000, for the purpose of paying the costs thereof and related financing costs; and providing for the giving of notice of said intention, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Kent Steward

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

13. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward stated that he will not be able to attend the March 15, 2007 work session and would like to comment on the Wayfinding Signage Project, which will be discussed at the work session. He discussed his thoughts about the signage that will be placed throughout the City and at the four major entrances into Hays.

Commissioner Schwaller congratulated City Attorney John Bird for receiving the John D. Montgomery Award. This is the highest award that a non-elected official can receive from the Kansas Democratic Party.

Commissioner Schwaller requested the City Attorney provide additional information about a permit request that Ellis County received from a firm wanting to build a wind farm. He is concerned about the possibility of any portion of this wind farm being in the three-mile radius of Hays.

Chairperson Billinger stated that the next Chairperson will make recommendations for the appointment of two new members to the Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk