

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chairperson Wasinger declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Christopher Channell joined the meeting after Agenda Item 4. (Consent Agenda).

2. MINUTES: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on February 26, 2009; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Allan Lytton moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the following be approved:

A. A Cereal Malt Beverage License for Xtra Innings

B. The following mayoral appointments:

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Tom Thomas – three-year term to expire January 1, 2012

Jenny Jiang – unexpired term to expire January 1, 2011

Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee

George Lavigne – unexpired term to expire December 1, 2010

Care Council

John Scheck – two-year term to expire March 1, 2011

Commissioner Hickman abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Allan Lytton

C. Chairperson Wasinger presented the following proposed mayoral appointment:

CARE Council

Linda Dewey – two-year term to expire March 1, 2011

The appointment will be presented for approval at the March 26, 2009 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE FROM THE ELLIS COUNTY COALITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Executive Director Mike Michaelis reported that the by-laws of the organization have been changed to allow for all people serving on the board to vote; in the past there were non-voting (ex-officio) members. Mr. Michaelis commented that there are 3 R's to economic development: recruiting, retention, and regionalism. He and his staff stay busy answering questions and helping business in all three of the categories. He reviewed the projects and activities the Coalition is currently involved in.

6. FUNDING FOR HAYS HAS JOBS: The approved 2009 Budget included \$20,600 for the Hays Has Jobs program. This \$20,600 was a continuation of the current program by which the City of Hays paid for one-half of the salary and benefits for an area job recruiter with the Department of Commerce and Housing. After the budget was approved, it was learned that the State was shifting the recruiter's area of responsibility from Hays to northwest Kansas as a whole, therefore changing the terms that had been agreed to. Because of this significant change in the terms of the program since the allocation was approved,

City staff requested the Commissioners to formally approve the 2009 expenditure.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that a \$20,600 funding request for Hays Has Jobs be approved.

Mike Michaelis, Executive Director of the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development (ECCED), stated the Hays Has Jobs budget is \$33,795. The difference in funding is made up by the ECCED normal operating budget.

Commissioner Channell felt that this program could benefit the community, especially in these hard times. With rising unemployment, this program might be helpful.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

7. HAYS AREA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – WIND

ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS: For the past several months, the Hays Area Planning Commission has been working on regulations for Wind Energy Conversion Systems. The Planning Commission formally recommended a set of regulations dealing with Wind Energy Conversion Systems that was reviewed by the Hays City Commission at the March 5, 2009 work session. Based upon the discussions at the work session, it was determined that the City Commission would like to suggest to the Planning Commission a few minor changes to the set of regulations. It is necessary for the City Commission to take formal action to convey these suggested changes.

City Attorney John Bird reviewed the suggested changes to the regulations.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the recommended revisions to the proposed regulations for Wind Energy Conversion Systems be conveyed to the Hays Area Planning Commission for their consideration.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated the Planning Commission will be reviewing this issue at their March 16, 2009 meeting. If they agree with the suggested changes, it will not be necessary to have another public hearing since the substance of the ordinance has not changed. They would then resubmit the ordinance to the City Commission for review and passage.

8. AWARD OF BID – 8TH STREET MONTGOMERY BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS:

Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the bid submitted by Bridges, Inc. for repairs to the 8th Street Montgomery Bridge Deck in the amount of \$72,076.25 be accepted and that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with the firm.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager stated that there will be public hearings to gather input about the possibility of having four flights a day to Denver only and not offer service to Kansas City. Great Lakes Airlines is supporting this idea.

Brenda Herrman stated there are two public meetings scheduled for March 18, 2009. The first one will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Hays Regional Airport. The second meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Airport. Representatives of Great Lakes will be in attendance to help answer any questions or listen to any concerns. A survey will be placed on the City website for comments. Ms. Herrman will present a recommendation to the Commissioners in April.

10. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: There were no comments.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Barbara Wasinger moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:20 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss property acquisition. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Attorney, and Galen Romme. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk