

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick
Kent Steward

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

2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY:

Chairperson Schwaller read a proclamation recognizing Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and encourages residents to start wearing gold every Friday in support of Tiger Gold on Fridays.

FHSU President Mirta Martin was present, along with the FHSU mascot and students.

3. MINUTES: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on February 26, 2015; the minutes stand approved as presented.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Randy Rogers, a citizen of Hays, voiced his concerns with the trees slated for removal along Big Creek as a result of the engineer recommendations for the levee upgrades. He suggested shearing off roots that are growing into the levee and putting in a barrier to prevent the roots from growing into the levee again rather than removing the trees.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated we don't want to cut down any trees unless it is absolutely necessary and will check with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to see if this suggestion would work.

Commissioner Mellick stated if necessary we will remove the trees to prevent levee failure and to protect the citizens of Hays.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Shaun Musil moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the following mayoral appointment be approved:

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Carol Solko-Olliff – three-year term to expire January 1, 2018

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick
Kent Steward

Chairperson Schwaller presented the following mayoral appointment for consideration, which will be presented for approval at the March 26, 2015 Commission meeting.

CARE Council

Kayla Lonnon – two-year term to expire March 1, 2017

NEW BUSINESS

6. 46th STREET, SECOND ADDITION, PHASE 2 – AWARD OF BID: Western Plains Service Corp. has petitioned the City for street, storm sewer, water, and sanitary sewer improvements to an area containing 18 lots along Coolidge Ct. and Adams Dr. within the 46th St. 2nd Addition. A resolution authorizing those improvements was approved by the City Commission in January. Bids were opened on February 18, 2015 for the construction of the improvements, with J Corp being the low bidder at \$399,453.20. Pavement was bid with the option of

concrete or asphalt, with concrete being the lowest cost option. The City share for oversizing sanitary sewer is \$32,883.00 to be funded out of Water/Sewer Capital and the remaining costs to be paid by the developer and assessed to the special benefit district.

Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J Corp in the amount of \$399,453.20 for construction of street, water, and sanitary sewer improvements within the 46th Street Second Addition, Phase 2, with the City share of \$32,883.00 to be funded out of Water/Sewer Capital.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick
Kent Steward

7. CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – 8TH ADDENDUM: The City Commission, upon the completion of a performance evaluation of the City Manager, has requested that the Eighth Addendum to the City Manager's Employment Agreement be presented and voted upon. The agreement is amended and modified to provide for a one time 2% bonus of the base salary of the year 2014 to be paid in equal amounts on each payroll in 2015. This is the same bonus that was awarded to all City employees for 2015.

Kent Steward moved, Shaun Musil seconded, to approve the Eighth Addendum to City Manager Toby Dougherty's Employment Agreement dated June 28, 2007, as presented.

Chairperson Schwaller stated the City Manager has kept us on strong financial ground with adequate reserves to pay for projects in cash rather than by issuing bonds and debt.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick
Kent Steward

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

9. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward seconded Chairperson Schwaller's comments on City Manager Toby Dougherty's performance.

Commissioner Mellick welcomed everyone to the Fort Hays State University ladies basketball tournament and reminded everyone that next week Special Olympics are in town.

Commissioner Musil wished good luck to the Lady Tigers.

Commissioner Phelps reminded everyone that the Water Smart Program begins a new series March 23, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk