

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Absent: Kent Steward
Ron Mellick

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

2. MINUTES: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular session held on February 28, 2013; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

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

Hays Beautification Committee

Judy Dawson – 3 year term to expire August 1, 2015

The proposed appointment will be presented for approval at the March 28, 2013 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: City staff, through our risk management broker, Insurance Planning, solicited bids for workers' compensation coverage from 13 companies. Only one bid was received, that bid being from Berkshire-Hathaway in the amount of \$193,101, which is 12% higher

than last year. The increase is due to three reasons - an increase in payroll, base rates set by the State increased in some categories, and a discount that was received last year was less this year.

Erin Giebler, Human Resource Coordinator, stated that the City is not a member of the League of Kansas Municipalities, therefore cannot participate in the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) workers compensation coverage. If the City were a member of the League, workers compensation coverage would be available at an estimated cost of \$164,000.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that action on this issue be tabled until the next work session so that staff can investigate the possibility of joining the League of Kansas Municipalities and then get workers compensation insurance through KMIT.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

6. FORT HAYS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE TOURNAMENT FEE INCREASE

REQUEST: The Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board voted to recommend a fee increase for all Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course tournaments, increasing the fees of an 18-hole tournament by \$100 and a 9-hole tournament by \$50. If approved, the fee for an 18-hole tournament would be \$500 for weekdays and \$600 for weekends. The 9-hole tournament fee would be \$250 for weekdays and \$300 for weekends. By increasing the tournament fees, the Pro-Shop Manager can utilize additional marshals to cover all tournaments to ensure that all rules are followed. Many times during tournaments, there is unnecessary damage caused to the course that could be avoided by having marshals present to enforce the rules. The increased fee will ensure that there is a course marshal present at all golf tournaments.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the proposed tournament fee increase at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course be rejected.

Commissioner Schwaller stated that rates and fees are normally considered during the budgeting process. He understands that there is an increased need for revenue, but at this time he cannot vote for the increase.

Commissioner Phelps commented that since the Advisory Board recommended this increase with no opposition, he has a problem with ignoring their recommendation.

Commissioner Schwaller stated the Advisory Board may have discussed this over 6 or 7 months, however, this was just brought before the Commission. He is hesitant to move that quickly. He would like to look at all fees and rates for the Golf Course during budget time, not just the tournament fee increase.

Commissioner Phelps agreed with Commissioner Schwaller's comments.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

7. ADDITION OF JUNIOR GOLF GREENS FEES AT THE FORT HAYS

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE: The Golf Course Advisory Board would like to offer a Junior Golf Greens fee for those ages 17 and under. These fees would be valid Monday through Friday all day. On weekends and holidays these fees would be valid after 2:00 p.m. or at the discretion of the Pro-Shop Manager. Numerous other courses throughout the state that are comparable to ours offer a discounted rate for junior golfers.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Eber Phelps seconded, to reject the addition of Junior golf green fees at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course in order to consider it during the budget process.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

8. VEHICLE ABATEMENT AT 700 VINE STREET: Henry Schwaller IV moved,

Eber Phelps seconded, that Resolution No. 2013-008, being a resolution authorizing the City of Hays or its designated agent to abate nuisance located on the property at 700 Vine St., Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps

9. VINE STREET RECONSTRUCTION (13TH TO 22ND) - AWARD OF BID:

Vine Street from 13th to 22nd Street is scheduled for reconstruction this summer. The City has received KDOT Connecting Link funding to assist in financing the cost of construction. Paver's Inc. of Salina, KS submitted the low bid of \$1,049,536.29. Construction will begin in April and last through July 2013.

Eber Phelps moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Pavers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,049,536.29 for the reconstruction of Vine Street from 13th to 22nd Street to be funded from the appropriation set aside for such purpose in the Capital Projects fund.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps

10. VINE STREET RECONSTRUCTION (13TH TO 22ND) – MATERIAL TESTING AND INSPECTION:

The KDOT Connecting Link grant that is being used to fund reconstruction of Vine Street from 13th to 22nd Street requires a project of this type to follow the KDOT specifications for inspection and materials testing. City inspectors will be performing limited daily construction observation and inspection; however, KDOT requires some specific testing that the City does not have the capability to perform in-house. Staff solicited proposals to provide said services. Driggs Design Group of Hays and Manhattan submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$31,194.00.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Driggs Design Group, in the amount of \$31,194.00, for inspection and testing services related to the reconstruction of Vine Street from 13th to 22nd Street, to be funded from the appropriation set aside for such purpose in the Capital Projects fund.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps

11. NEWLY SEEDED LAWN PERMIT: This item was taken off the agenda. Further discussion will take place at an April work session.

12. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno stated that the minutes of the June 28, 2012 Commission meeting did not correctly reflect the motion that was made concerning Agenda Item No. 9 - Friends of the Hays Dog Park Request. The correct verbiage needs to include the following statement that is in bold italics:

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Kent Steward seconded, that a six acre tract of land east of the maintenance building at the Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex be designated as the future home for the new dog park, ***allowing the Friends of the Hays Dog Park two years to raise the money for this project.***

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the amended minutes of the June 28, 2012 be approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps

The Assistant City Manager reported that next week there will be construction going on in front of City Hall. There will be alternate entrances into City Hall for customer service.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Doris Wing – City Clerk

