

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 27, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Allan Lytton

Absent: Christopher Channell

Chairman 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 March 13, 2008; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp stated that investments on February 29, 2008 totaled \$39,400,000.00, which is a \$4,750,000.00 increase when compared to February 2007. Interest due at maturity on current investments totals \$1,084,710.00, which is a decrease of \$614,299.00 compared to February 2007. In February, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$9,800,000.00 of maturing certificates of deposits with a weighted average interest rate of 2.69%. Sales tax collected in February for the General Fund totaled \$666,628.00, which was an increase of \$74,983.00 when compared to 2007. To date, sales tax collections are up 13.4% compared to 2007.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of February 2008 be approved.

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

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: There were no items on the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

6. LARKS PARK SCOREBOARD BID: An amount of \$16,000.00 is budgeted in 2008 for the purchase of a new scoreboard for Larks Park. The existing scoreboard is in poor condition and is unable to be repaired due to unavailability of repair parts. Eight (8) bids were received; Varsity Scoreboards submitted the lowest bid of \$11,837.00

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the bid submitted by Varsity Scoreboards, in the amount of \$11,837.00, for a new scoreboard be accepted.

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

7. HIKE/BIKE TRAIL DRAFT MASTER PLAN: Russ Avey and Phil Meyer, representing Baughman Company, presented a PowerPoint overview of the key factors in the development of the Plan. The Plan includes all information discussed during public meetings, task force meetings, and on-site reviews. Approval of the draft plan will enable Baughman Company to begin the final stage of their contract by assisting City staff with the completion of various grant applications.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Hike/Bike Trail Draft Master Plan be approved.

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

8. 2008 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The Commissioners, in October 2007, were presented a Street Maintenance Program which proposed spending \$799,500.00 for street maintenance. Since the winter has been abnormally wet and very tough on city streets, many pot holes and other failures have surfaced. Public Works staff recommended that an additional \$255,800.00 be authorized for these repairs. The cost of the additional repairs could be paid for from the Financial Policy Projects line item in the 2008 Budget.

Allan Lytton moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that \$1,055,300.00 be approved to be spent on street maintenance in 2008.

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

9. VINE STREET KLINK GRANT – KDOT AGREEMENT: In June 2007, City staff applied for a KDOT Connecting Link (KLINK) Grant to reconstruct Vine Street from 13th to 27th Street. Since the KLINK grant is a 50/50 cost share grant with a KDOT maximum share of \$200,000.00 per fiscal year, the project was divided into four (4) phases. The first phase applied for and subsequently awarded is Vine Street from Centennial to 27th Street. The second phase would be Vine Street from 22nd Street to Centennial. The intent is to combine two years of grant funding into one project to reconstruct 22nd to 27th Street in the spring of 2010. Phase 3 and 4 (13th to 22nd) would be constructed in 2012.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that an Agreement with KDOT regarding the KLINK grant to reconstruct Vine Street from Centennial Boulevard to 27th Street, be approved.

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

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty read a letter that was sent to Great Lakes Airlines regarding the Kansas City hub operations and the effect it is having on the Hays Regional Airport and the communities the Airport serves. The code-share opportunities at the Kansas City Airport have decreased since October 1, 2007 when Great Lakes started the Kansas City flights serving the western Kansas communities. During the months of January and February 2008, the Hays Regional Airport recorded a 40% and 47% decrease in enplanements compared to the same period in 2007. Staff has been receiving feedback that the Kansas City schedule is no longer working for customers and that they are going through Denver or flying out of Wichita. Additionally, the letter expressed concern about the fares.

The City Manager stated the City was not in favor of having one airline going to Kansas City and Denver. The City liked the price competition and reliability of having two airlines.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Wasinger stated that she has been approached by a non-profit group that sells fireworks as a fund raiser. They requested the City move up the decision whether or not fireworks will be sold in the city to May 1st. She requested the Commission discuss this at a future work session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk