

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON APRIL 9, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Kent Steward

Absent: Ron Mellick

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

2. PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH (APRIL 2015):

Mayor Schwaller presented a proclamation recognizing April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Hays, Kansas.

3. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK (APRIL

12-18, 2015): Mayor Schwaller also presented a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 12 to 18, 2015 to be National Telecommunicator’s Week in Hays, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

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

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve a cereal malt beverage license for Downtown Hays Development Corp.

B. Approve the following mayoral appointments:

CARE Council

Kim Thomason – two-year term to expire March 1, 2017 (1st term)

Hays Area Planning Commission

Paul Phillips – three-year term to expire April 30, 2018 (4th term)

Shaun Musil moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the consent agenda be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Kent Steward

NEW BUSINESS

7. HDR CONTRACT FOR OWNER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT:

The current City of Hays wastewater treatment facility was built in the 1950's and received some modifications and upgrades since its original construction. The plant was built to treat to specific wastewater standards. Discharge standards have become more stringent over the years and harder to meet due to technological limitations of the facility.

The reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant is necessary to meet Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) permit requirements in 2018. This upgrade is expected to cost \$26-\$28 million. Traditional design-bid-build processes have caused issues historically with larger projects; therefore, City staff has recommended utilizing the design-build process. To ensure we build the most efficient and effective facility as possible, control costs, and protect the City's interest, staff recommended the expertise of an owner representative to guide us through the design-build process.

Assistant City Manager, Paul Briseno, stated the City solicited request for qualifications for an owner representative and received eight proposals in February. Based on proposal criteria three firms were narrowed and interviewed in March. Though HDR Engineering, Inc. is not the lowest cost, their experience, open approach, state revolving loan assistance experience, guaranteed part-time/full-time inspector, and warranty administration led the selection committee to unanimously recommend them as the owner representative. Mr. Briseno also explained the design-build process. He stated this will give single-point contact, collaboration between the design and build team; which creates innovation, flexibility, and faster delivery. They will provide oversight of the design and construction and look out for the City's best interest.

Stan Christopher, Sr. Vice President with HDR Engineering, Inc., the designated principal as well as project manager for this project, was present to answer questions and explain the services they provide. Mr. Christopher has 31 years experience with HDR in wastewater projects.

Kent Steward moved, Shaun Musil seconded, to approve the contract with HDR for an amount not to exceed \$1,708,412 for Owner Representative Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project to be paid by this fund.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Kent Steward

8. RESOLUTION FOR SERIES 2003A BOND REDEMPTION: Kim Rupp, Finance Director, explained that bonds in General Obligation Series 2003A maturing on or after September 1, 2014 are now subject to redemption prior to their maturity dates. The City now has the option to call these bonds. This requires a resolution providing for the refunding of the General Obligation Internal Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A. It also requires the approval to expend \$449,045.44 out of the City Commission Capital Reserve of which funds are available. Redeeming the bonds will save the City \$31,000 in interest charges. City staff is recommending this action.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Kent Steward seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-009 authorizing the refunding of the remaining maturities of the General Obligation Internal Improvement Bonds, Series 2003A, and the expenditure of \$449,045.44 from the City Commission Capital Reserve.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Kent Steward

9. PROPOSAL OF INCREASE OF PAY FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS: At the April 2, 2015 work session, Commissioner Steward raised the issue of a possible pay increase for City Commissioners and discussion was held.

City Manager Toby Dougherty presented two options for the Commission's consideration as a result of that discussion.

Eber Phelps moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, to **not** adopt Ordinance No. 3898 or Resolution 2015-010 allowing for a pay increase for Hays City Commissioners.

Commissioner Phelps stated many people are on boards that serve the community and receive no compensation. He also stated we are still getting quality candidates to run for city commission. He complimented City staff and feels the City is well-managed and on the right track. He stated rather than worry about the compensation for commissioners; he wants to make sure we continue to compensate the professional staff that we have in this municipality.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

No: Kent Steward

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager stated in addition to the Mayor's Proclamation recognizing National Telecommunicator's Week, he thanked the communications officers for all that they do.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward commended everyone running for city commission and the school board and

extended congratulations to those that won. He also thanked everyone for the great honor he has had to serve in this way for almost 10 years.

Commissioner Musil also congratulated the candidates and thanked Commissioner Steward for his years of service and assistance.

Commissioner Phelps congratulated Mayor Schwaller on his re-election as well as the new Commissioners.

Chairperson Schwaller commented in regard to the Proclamation making April, 2015 Child Abuse Prevention Month he wanted to thank CASA of the High Plains, Inc. for all the work that they do in giving children a voice. He also thanked Commissioner Steward for his service and stated it has been a pleasure serving with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk