

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MAY 8, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Vice-Chairperson Mellick 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 April 24, 2008; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT AWARDS: The following businesses were presented with Hays Beautification Commercial Improvement Awards:

Cedar Lodge Dental Center – 1001 Cody Avenue
Maytag Home Appliance Center – 1224 East 27th Street
Hess Clinic – 1923 East 22nd Street
Hays Academy of Hair Design – 1214 East 27th Street

An honorable mention certificate was also presented to Sternberg Museum of Natural History for landscaping along Sternberg Drive. Honorable mention certificates are typically presented to specific locations in the community that are funded by either a governmental agency or educational institution.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

Airport Advisory Committee

Errol Wuertz – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011

Hays Housing Authority

Debra Staab – unexpired term to expire February 14, 2010

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

B. The Commission received the following proposed mayoral appointments which will be presented for approval at the May 22, 2008 City Commission meeting:

Airport Advisory Committee

Lawrence Holden – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011

Hays Area Planning Commission

Jim Fouts – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011

Larry Gould – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011

Larry Long – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011

Hays Public Library Board

Judy Flax – 4-year term to expire April 30, 2012

Tina Wick – 4-year term to expire April 30, 2012

NEW BUSINESS

6. R9 RANCH FINANCES/EQIP PROGRAM: Monty Smith of Farmers National Company discussed the R9 Ranch finances and EQIP Program with the Commissioners. Farmers National Company manages the R9 Ranch for the City of Hays.

Mr. Smith stated that in 2007 1,312 acres were enrolled into the EQIP Program for a period of 10 years. Payments of approximately \$100 per acre will be paid for the next four years or until 2010, with no payment for the remaining six years. The contract ends in the fall of 2016. In 2008, 965.73 acres were

enrolled into the EQIP Program. Payment is again approximately \$100 per acre for a period of 3 years. This payment runs through 2010 with the contract ending in 2011. These payments are for not irrigating; by not irrigating, 8,445,406,218 gallons of water were not or will not be pumped.

Discussion on the proposed Hays Recreation Commission building expansion was taken off the agenda. Further discussion will take place at a future work session.

7. FINAL PLAT OF TALLGRASS 3RD ADDITION: The owners of a tract of land located at 22nd and Commerce Parkway requested to replat the property. The plat is actually a replat of Tallgrass 2nd Addition. The plat does three main functions: reconfigures the drainage way to its property location, removes the originally platted frontage road along Commerce Parkway, and combines all lots into only two lots.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that Resolution 2008-009, being a resolution replatting all of Lots 2 and 3, Block F, Tallgrass 2nd Addition, Hays, Ellis County, Kansas, together with all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block G, in said Tallgrass 2nd Addition, together with all of Reserve "A" in said Tallgrass 2nd Addition, together with all of Commerce Parkway Frontage Road as dedicated in said Tallgrass 2nd Addition, and together with all of the 200 foot wide Drainage Dedication as dedicated in said Tallgrass 2nd Addition, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

8. 2008 FIREWORKS RESOLUTION: Each year the City of Hays adopts a resolution prior to June 15th of each year setting the days and hours for consumer fireworks within the city limits. This is being done in an attempt to coordinate the use of fireworks within Ellis County and the City of Hays for uniform enforcement. The County has not yet made a determination as to the

days and hours of fireworks use. The sale of fireworks is allowed between June 27th and July 5th.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that Resolution No. 2008-010, being a resolution setting July 3, July 4, and July 5, 2008 starting at 10:00 a.m. each day and ending at 10:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 5 and 12:00 a.m. on July 4, 2008 for consumer use of fireworks within the city limits of the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vice-chairperson Mellick stated he was not in favor of the ending time of 10:00 p.m. It does not get dark until 10:00 p.m., which would make it difficult to shoot off some fireworks prior to that time. He favors an ending time of 11:00 on July 3 and July 5.

Commissioner Channell felt that it would be confusing to have different ending times. Since the number of days that fireworks can be shot off is limited to three days, he felt the ending time should be 12:00 midnight for all three nights.

Troy Hickman amended his motion for the ending time for consumer use of fireworks to be 12:00 a.m. Allan Lytton seconded the amended motion.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty reported that the abatement on the removal of the mobile homes at Fort Hays Trailer Park is nearing completion.

The City Manager reported that the Main Street waterline project is progressing.

The City Manager pointed out that enplanements at the Hays Regional Airport are down by 20% for the month of April. This is higher than the previous three months of 2008. Staff is making plans to visit with Great Lakes Airlines representatives regarding the low number of enplanements. Other communities in western Kansas that are being served by Great Lakes are also experiencing

the same problems. The decline in enplanements is due to the time change of the flights and the co-sharing opportunities. The previous airline had co-sharing opportunities with more than one airline, specifically Midwest Airlines, which had a lot of good connections and very competitive rates, especially out of Kansas City.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk