

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MAY 12, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Ron Mellick

Absent: Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Vice-chairman 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 April 28, 2011; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Vice-chairman Hickman presented Chairman Barbara Wasinger's proposed mayoral appointments. The following appointments will be presented for approval at the May 26, 2011 Commission meeting:

Airport Advisory Committee

Don Benjamin – unexpired term to expire April 30, 2012

Mike Konz – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Errol Wuertz – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Hays Area Board of Zoning Appeals

Dana Cunningham – term to expire May 1, 2013

Bill Wilson – term to expire May 1, 2013

Hays Area Planning Commission

Jim Fouts – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Jake Glover – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Lawrence Gould – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Emery Jennings – 3-year term to expire April 30, 2014

Hays Beautification Committee

Vaughn O’Dea – 3-year term to expire August 1, 2014

Hays Public Library Board

David Dunn – 4-year term to expire April 30, 2015

Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15 Board

Joe Glassman – 3-year term to expire March 1, 2014

James Leiker – 3-year term to expire March 2, 2014

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Avi Kempinski – unexpired term to expire January 1, 2013

NEW BUSINESS

5. HAYS REGIONAL AIRPORT – WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT: The City is responsible for taking appropriate steps to insure the safety of those who utilize the Hays Regional Airport. This includes taking steps to reduce the possibility of wildlife strikes.

A courtesy assessment in October 2010 by the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services (USDA-WS) confirmed a large number of potentially hazardous wildlife species on the airport grounds. During the night portion of the annual FAA inspection, the inspector sighted several deer and suggested the initiation of the Wildlife Hazard Assessment as a preamble to apply for grant funding for a wildlife fencing project. City staff recommended this assessment be completed by USDA-WS. The assessment will cost \$56,285 and an FAA grant will pay 95% of the cost; the City’s share will be \$2,814.25.

Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with USDA-WS for Wildlife Hazard

Assessment at the Hays Regional Airport, at a cost of \$56,285, contingent upon the City receiving an FAA grant covering 95% of the cost.

Commissioner Steward stated he is skeptical about the worth of spending money on a study. However, he understands that if the City does not authorize the study and make the recommended improvements, the City would not be eligible to continue to participate with FAA on other projects. There is too much at stake not to have the study done.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Ron Mellick

6. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno urged all interested citizens to participate in the on-line questionnaire that is on the website planhays.com in regard to planning the future of Hays. On June 21st, citizens are encouraged to participate in the community envisioning workshop which will take place at the Robbins Center at Fort Hays State University.

The Assistant City Manager reported that four new outdoor warning sirens have been installed throughout the city. Two more will be installed in 2012.

7. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward commented that he attended the town hall meeting last night regarding mail service for our community. If consolidation of mail sorting in Salina goes through, it will mean the elimination of some positions in the Hays Post Office and have an adverse impact on our community in terms of efficient mail service.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk