

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MAY 28, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
James Meier
Henry Schwaller IV
Lance Jones

Chairperson Phelps 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 May 14, 2015; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reviewed the financial summaries of the revenue and expenditure activities of the City of Hays for the month ended April 30, 2015. He reported that month-to-date general fund sales tax collections were at \$551,785 which is a terrific increase of \$32,215 as compared to last year. Year-to-date general fund collections are at \$2,477,468, up \$116,586 or 4.94%.

The Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$6,300,000 of maturing or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .29%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on April 30, 2015 totaled \$54,900,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .24%. The total balance of the Money Market account on April 30, 2015 was \$1,000,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$1,350,000 when compared to this time last year.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Shaun Musil seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of April 2015 be approved.

Vote: ayes: Eber Phelps
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4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Hays resident Scott Simpson spoke to the Commissioners regarding the discussion that was held at last week's work session concerning the contract for sewer main cleaning and videoing. He was concerned that after two-plus years of this work that 140 leaks have been identified yet none of them have been repaired. He feels there is a problem with priorities and listed other projects he thought were wasteful.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated a sewer main that blew out two years ago was replaced, but no other repairs had been completed. He stated repairs need to be made, but none are to the point of being considered emergency repairs. City staff is working on a sewer rate study, but cannot begin a replacement program until funds are in place. He stated staff will prioritize the repair work and be ready to go when funds become available.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce.

B. The following mayoral appointments were recommended at the May 14, 2015 City Commission meeting and were presented for approval:

Airport Advisory Committee

Dan Stecklein – three-year term to expire April 30, 2018 (5th term)

Christopher Springer – three-year term to expire April 30, 2018 (2nd term)

Cheryl Younger – three-year term to expire April 30, 2018 (1st term)

Hays Area Board of Zoning Appeals

Jerry Sonntag – three-year term to expire May 1, 2018 (5th term)

Hays Public Library Board

Amy Feauto – four-year term to expire April 30, 2019 (1st term)

Stacey Smith – unexpired term to expire April 30, 2018 (1st term)

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Lance Jones seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: ayes: Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
James Meier
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NEW BUSINESS

6. CONTRACT SEWER MAIN CLEANING: The Utilities Department initiated a multi-year program to clean sewer lines in 2013. Bids were solicited with a contract document that had a provision for contract annual renewal. Mayer Specialty Service, LLC was chosen in 2013 at \$1.19 per linear foot. Staff was very pleased with the cleaning and videoing of 19 miles of sewer in 2013 and again in 2014.

Mayer Specialty has agreed to continue the contract with a 2% increase from \$1.21 in 2014 to \$1.23 per foot for 2015. The 2015 Budget included \$120,000.

Assistant Director of Utilities Johnny O'Connor explained that proper operation and maintenance of a collection system is required by the city's wastewater discharge permit. Problems caused by a lack of sewer cleaning include: sewer backups, manhole overflows, public exposure to raw sewage, and regulatory fines.

James Meier moved, Shaun Musil seconded, to extend the 2013 contract for sewer cleaning and videoing to 2015 with Mayer Specialty Services, LLC at \$1.23 per linear foot not to exceed \$120,000, to be funded from Wastewater Other Contractual Services.

Vote: ayes: Eber Phelps
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Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno introduced Rick Rekoske, who has assumed the position of CVB Director.

7. PROGRESS REPORT: Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno presented a monthly report of city-related activities, services, and programs.

8. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager had nothing to report.

9. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Jones commented he is looking forward to summer baseball and watching the Larks play.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk