

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON JUNE 14, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chairperson 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 May 24, 2007; the minutes stand approved as written.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:** **A.** Vice-Mayor Wasinger presented gifts she received from Hays' Sister City, Xinzheng, Henan, China during her recent visit to Xinzheng.

**B.** Mayor Hickman presented his proposed appointments to the following boards/committees:

Hays Area Board of Zoning Appeals

Dana Cunningham

Hays Beautification Committee

Joseph Becker

Tobias Flores

Linda Ganstrom

Carol Heiman

The proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the June 28, 2007 Commission meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5. GENERAL OBLIGATION INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES**

**2007-A:** It is necessary for the Commissioners to pass a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds on July 12, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000. The City intends to sell this bond, in a blind bid process, in order to reimburse itself for airport improvement projects and special assessment district projects that are in progress or already completed. The cost associated with the special assessment districts will be assessed back to the property owners. At the completion of the bid process, another resolution must be adopted authorizing the actual selling of the bonds.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Resolution No. 2007-013, being a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Internal Improvement Bonds, Series 2007-A, of the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

### **6. GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2007-B:**

Dave Arteberry, Senior Vice-President of George K. Baum and Company, recommended that a resolution be passed authorizing the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds subject to two parameters: (a) principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 and (b) the present value savings associated with refunding shall not be less than 2% of the outstanding principal of the refunded bonds. The market will be monitored and if at the time of the sale on July 12, 2007 it looks like the two parameters can be met, the refunding bond sale will proceed. If the parameters cannot be met, the procedure would be stopped,

while the 2007-A bond issuance will proceed as planned. The refunding is essentially a refinance of existing debt at a reduced rate of interest. The City's Comprehensive Financial Management Policy allows for this process when the potential to realize a present cash value of 2% exists in the market.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that Resolution No. 2007-014, being a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007-B, of the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

**7. SCHOOL ZONE ON 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** The City Commission requested staff look at the feasibility of removing the school zone along 27<sup>th</sup> in the vicinity of Main and Fort Streets near Wilson School. The issue has been a topic of discussion over the last several years. Traffic counts, speed counts, and pedestrian counts were taken; in addition, consideration was given for accident reports and traffic violations. The USD 489 school board has no objection to removing the school zone.

Ron Mellick moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that Ordinance No. 3729, being an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 10.16 of the City of Hays, Kansas, Municipal Code, by modifying Section 10.16.020 regarding school zones, be approved.

Commissioner Channell stated he is not in favor of removing the school zone. Even though Wilson School is one block away from 27<sup>th</sup> Street, he feels it is better to have slower traffic in that area during the hours the school is in session.

City Manager Gustafson stated there is a controlled crosswalk in that area and a school zone is not required. School zones are generally adjacent to the school and this zone is not adjacent to the school.

Police Chief Jim Braun stated the primary concern of the Police Department is to monitor traffic on streets right next to the school where the children are getting out of vehicles. More emphasis is placed on monitoring traffic on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Fort, and Oak Streets.

Commissioner Wasinger stated she has not heard anything negative about this proposed change from either parents or the school district.

Commissioner Lytton said he too has not heard any negative comments.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Allan Lytton

No: Christopher Channell

**8. ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE**

**HIGH PLAINS:** The City of Hays and the Humane Society of the High Plains are currently under contract for animal shelter services through June 30, 2007. An 18-month contract has been negotiated covering the time period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Staff recommended approval.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the Agreement with the Humane Society of the High Plains for Animal Shelter Services for 2007/2008 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

**9. SUNFLOWER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. FEE AGREEMENT:**

In 2006, the City solicited proposals for brokerage services related to insurance. As a result of this process, Sunflower Insurance Group was selected to represent the City in negotiations for insurance coverage, and to evaluate coverage levels. The agreement calls for a flat fee paid for services versus the traditional commission on premiums form of payment. Sunflower has now represented the City for one

year and staff is comfortable recommending renewal of the agreement for 2007/2008.

Allan Lytton moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Sunflower Insurance Group annual fee agreement be approved in an amount not to exceed \$24,631.

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

**10. CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION – 414 EAST 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** The property at 414 East 16<sup>th</sup> has gone through the abatement process; formal action has been taken to abate the structure located on the property. Two estimates have been received to demolish/remove the single-family structure, with J Corp submitting the low estimate of \$12,450. It will be necessary to replace sidewalk that has been removed at an estimated cost of \$470. All costs associated with this will be charged back to the property owner.

Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the contract with J Corp for demolition/removal of the structure located at 414 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street be approved.

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

**11. CONTRIBUTING TO GREENSBURG:** The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) has set up a fund for cities who would like to contribute to the City of Greensburg due to the devastation from the tornado. Cities that would like to contribute should send donations to the LKM, and the money will then be forwarded to Greensburg.

Allan Lytton moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that a donation of \$5,000 be given to the City of Greensburg to assist with recovery from the tornado.

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

**12. ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HAYS AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP) LODGE 48:**

Barbara Wasinger moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the Addendum to Agreement between the City of Hays and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 48 be approved.

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

**13. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager reported that the flags of the three Sister Cities that have been placed on flagpoles in the greenspace at 13<sup>th</sup> & Hall Street have been stolen twice. Staff is researching ways to prevent this from happening in the future.

**14. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Commissioner Mellick asked if the City of Hays has a dike maintenance program in place.

The City Manager replied that staff reviews the dikes regularly. The Corp of Engineers has reviewed our dikes and made some recommendations to comply with their specific regulations. City staff will be removing trees over the next several years that overhang the creek and could potentially cause some problems if not removed.

Chairperson Hickman requested staff look into the possibility of elevating manhole covers.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk