

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JUNE 26, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

Chairperson Wasinger 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 June 12, 2008; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported that investments on May 31, 2008 totaled \$39,700,000, which is a \$3,850,000 increase when compared to May 2007. Interest due at maturity on current investments totals \$694,248, which is a decrease of \$1,073,882 compared to May 2007. In May, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$12,750,000 of maturing certificates of deposit with a weighted average interest rate of 2.07%. There has been a significant decrease in interest due at maturity; several investments are re-pricing from the 5% range to 2%. May sales tax collected for the General Fund totaled \$753,742, which is an increase of \$1,155 when compared to May 2007. To date, sales tax collections are up 7.94% compared to 2007.

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of May 2008 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Vernon Befort, 1404 West 44th Street, requested information about several budget items.

City Manager Toby Dougherty requested Mr. Befort make an appointment to visit with him and will provide the information.

Mr. Befort commented that, in his opinion, the buffalo should not be moved from their current location.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: **A. Mayoral Appointments:** Troy Hickman moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

Ellis County Wellhead Protection Committee

Bill Wilson – 3-year term to expire May 1, 2011

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board

Doris Groff – 3-year term to expire July 1, 2011

Ken Haas – 3-year term to expire July 1, 2011

And that **C. Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses** be approved for the following:

Thomas More Prep-Marian High School 1701 Hall St.

Home Party Club, Inc. 30th & Grant Avenue

Wild West Fest Saloon Municipal Park

Commissioner Lytton requested that Item A and Item C be voted on separately.

Troy Hickman amended his motion to approve the mayoral appointments only, Christopher Channel seconded the amended motion.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

Troy Hickman moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses be issued for:

Thomas More Prep-Marian High School	1701 Hall St.
Home Party Club, Inc.	30 th & Grant Avenue
Wild West Fest Saloon	Municipal Park

Commissioner Lytton stated that he is not in favor of approving a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Home Party Club, Inc. at Aabel-Bickle Park. He has received calls from the neighbors in that area and they do not want to see alcohol sold in the Park. There are children playing in the Park and he does not want to set a precedent.

Commissioner Mellick concurred with Commissioner Lytton. This is a neighborhood park. Beer is sold in Municipal Park and Frontier Park; however those parks are not located around any neighborhoods. They can still have their volleyball tournament, but he does not feel liquor should be sold in a neighborhood park.

Vote: No: Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the following Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses be approved:

Thomas More Prep-Marian High School	1701 Hall Street
Wild West Fest Saloon	Municipal Park

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

B. Mayoral Appointment Recommendations: Chairperson Wasinger presented the following mayoral appointment for the Commission's consideration:

Hays Beautification Committee

Paula Huser – 3-year term to expire August 1, 2011

The proposed appointment will be presented for approval at the July 10, 2008 Commission meeting.

6. ARCHITECT'S CONCEPT PLANS FOR NEW FIRE STATION/RENOVATION OF FORMER ARMY RESERVE FACILITY:

In December 2007, the City hired Woods and Starr to perform preliminary architectural services related to the potential remodeling of the former Army Reserve Building at 101 Main Street to accommodate the relocation of City offices from the current City Hall/Fire Station at 1507 Main Street. Included in the scope of services was the development of preliminary plans for the construction of a second Fire Station at 33rd and Sherman Avenue.

H. D. Woods reviewed several options for the renovation of the former Army Reserve building and the new construction of a fire station with the Commissioners.

No action was taken by the Commissioners.

7. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) FOR CITY WELL C-20TA:

For many years, a remediation well named C-20TA has been used in the clean-up of dry cleaning chemicals which contaminated a public water supply well. Through testing, KDHE has reported that the contaminants are under control and KDHE no longer has a use for this well. City staff would like to keep the well as a back-up for City Well C-20 to insure that sufficient water is going to the pack tower in the event C-20 experiences a lengthy down time due to repair.

Troy Hickman moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hays and KDHE for City Well C-20TA be approved.

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

8. HAYS AQUATIC PARK SIGN: Funding in the amount of \$26,800 was approved in January 2008 for the installation of a digital LED sign in front of the Hays Aquatic Park. The cost of the sign is to be paid out of the Pool Reserve Fund. The main purpose of the sign is to allow communication of pool related issues to the general public. There are three options being provided: a standard sign and message board, a sign designed to compliment the Wayfinding Study with a single color LED message display and the same sign with multi-color LED display.

Parks Director Jeff Boyle recommended the purchase and installation of a sign that compliments the Wayfinding Study design in single color LED at an estimated cost of \$34,500.

Troy Hickman moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that funding in the amount of \$34,500 be approved for the installation of a digital LED sign at the Aquatic Park.

Commissioner Hickman stated that there are not any other signs in Hays, other than at the Convention and Visitors Welcome Center that are of the type of sign designed in the Wayfinding Study. He asked when other signs would be put up with the new design.

The City Manager replied that the Commissioners will be presented with a Request for Proposals to approve the Wayfinding prototype for signage to direct visitors to various areas in the city at the July 3, 2008 work session.

Chairperson Wasinger stated that she has received several calls from citizens questioning why funds were being spent out of the Pool Reserve Fund on a LED sign when Hays Recreation uses many other avenues to communicate with the public. The callers feel there are other issues at the pool that need to be addressed.

City Manager Dougherty stated that there are many out of town visitors and the sign would be used to communicate when the pool is open or closed due to weather related conditions, as well as other pool related information.

Parks Director Jeff Boyle stated that he felt communicating with the patrons of the pool with an LED sign is very worthwhile since radio announcements about bad weather are often not broadcasted immediately. He felt the request from the Hays Recreation Commission was a reasonable request. The sign would also be used off-season to advertise many of the activities that go on throughout the year in the city.

Commissioner Mellick felt the extra money should be spent to follow the Wayfinding signage prototype. A lot of effort was put into developing the Wayfinding theme.

Commissioner Channell stated that he felt the original proposal was adequate. He does not feel that it is necessary to follow the Wayfinding prototype.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

No: Christopher Channell

9. ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT: Police Chief Jim Braun reviewed the 2009 Animal Shelter Contract with the Humane Society of the High Plains. The financial compensation package agreed upon will continue as a “Pay for Services” contract. The City of Hays will pay for the purchase of Bordetella vaccine for City impounded animals at the shelter in 2009 at an estimated cost of \$1,200 to \$1,300.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the agreement with the Humane Society of the High Plains for animal shelter services in 2009 be approved.

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

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager corrected a comment he made at the June 12, 2008 Commission meeting. At that meeting he thanked Ellis County for their partnership in completing the re-surfacing work on 41st and 22nd Street and attributed the blade work to the Ellis County crew. The City of Hays did the blade work with the County's assistance.

City Manager Dougherty reported that the Main Street Project is progressing and is about three-quarters done and that the columbarium has been installed at Mount Allen Cemetery.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Hickman requested that the Commissioners review the Capital Improvement Projects and how the rising asphalt costs will affect future projects.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:55 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss property acquisition. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss property acquisition.

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

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 9:05. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk