

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JULY 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Chairperson Phelps declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

2. 2016 WATER \$MART LANDSCAPE AWARDS: The Hays Beautification Committee and the City of Hays implemented a new program called the Water \$mart Landscape Awards in 2016. The principles of the program include planning and design, low-water use plants, practical turf areas, efficient irrigation, soil amendment, proper use of mulch and maintenance. Nominees must be within the city limits of Hays; landscape must be visible to the public and must be installed and established/maintained for one full year. There is one residential winner and one business winner per year. Nominations were reviewed and voted upon by the Hays Beautification Committee.

Jeff Boyle, Director of Parks, representing the Hays Beautification Committee, presented the 2016 Water \$mart Landscape Award to Eugene and Joann Fleharty, for residential property and the Hays Medical Center for the business property.

3. MINUTES: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on June 23, 2016; the minutes stand approved as presented.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Chris Miller stated a car show is to be held next weekend in Hays and they were interested in having a bounce house at the event. He asked if bounce houses are allowed in Hays.

City Manager, Toby Dougherty responded that for insurance reasons they may be prohibited in parks, but he would look into it and let him know tomorrow.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: The following proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the July 28, 2016 City Commission meeting:

Hays Beautification Committee

Andrew Doan – three year term to expire August 1, 2019 (1st term)

Carol Heiman – three year term to expire August 1, 2019 (4th term)

Marcia Tacha – three year term to expire August 1, 2019 (2nd term)

Hays Public Library Board

Patti Park – four year term to expire April 30, 2020 (1st term)

NEW BUSINESS

6. REPORT OF JULY 4TH HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: Gary Brown, Fire Chief and Don Scheibler, Police Chief, presented a report regarding incidents that occurred during the 4th of July holiday weekend. Chief Brown commented the recent rains and wet conditions helped, but gave credit to the public for using the fireworks safely.

Commissioner Schwaller asked about regulating the loud aerial fireworks.

Chief Scheibler responded that as long as the state allows them to be sold there is the possibility that they will be brought into Hays.

Chief Scheibler and Chief Brown also thanked all of the first responders, firefighters, police officers and EMS personnel for all they do and the sacrifices they make.

7. DOWNTOWN PAVILION PROJECT: On May 5, 2016, the City Commission heard a presentation by the Downtown Hays Development Corporation (DHDC) in conjunction with a group of Fort Hays State University students led by Kris Munsch regarding a potential pavilion/restroom project in Downtown Hays. At the

July 7th Work Session the Commissioners discussed the possibility of pursuing a lease with Union Pacific Railroad to allow DHDC to construct a pavilion and restrooms near the intersection of 10th and Main Street.

Vice-Chairperson Musil stated if a lease agreement can be made with Union Pacific Railroad he would like to see the pavilion project go forward. He also stated construction of the project should not move forward until DHDC has all of the necessary funding in place.

Shaun Musil moved, James Meier seconded, that the City Manager work with the City Attorney to obtain a lease agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for a pavilion to be built behind Union Pacific Park. Once a lease is agreed upon, it will be built with the joint efforts of DHDC and Fort Hays State University with the donated funds they have obtained. The sidewalk and amenities will be funded by the DHDC in conjunction with in-kind work by the City. The costs of moving water and sewer lines will be paid for by the Convention and Visitors Bureau transient guest tax funds.

Sara Bloom, DHDC Executive Director, thanked the Commission for considering this project and stated if approved by the Commission she would present it to the DHDC Board to make sure they are in agreement with the changes.

Vote: Ayes: Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

James Meier

Henry Schwaller IV

No: Lance Jones

8. PAVEMENT CONDITION ASSESSMENT – CONTRACT: Greg Sund, Public Works Director, stated staff has solicited proposals for automated data collection services regarding the pavement condition of streets throughout the City, and the development of a five year repair and maintenance program. Proposals were received from two firms, and staff recommends entering an agreement with MDS Technologies, Inc. of Park Ridge, IL for \$25,950. The 2016 budget included \$50,000 for this project to be funded from Special Highway.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Lance Jones seconded, to authorize the City Manager to enter an agreement with MDS Technologies, Inc. for a lump sum fee of \$25,950 to be funded out of Special Highway.

Vote: Ayes: Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
James Meier
Henry Schwaller IV
Lance Jones

9. 2017 BUDGET PRESENTATION: City Manager, Toby Dougherty, reviewed the 2017 Budget with the Commissioners giving a brief explanation of various aspects of the budget. The 2017 Budget is a balanced budget, contains no additional full time employees, adequately funds reserves, and keeps the mill levy at 25.00.

At the July 28, 2016 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be asked to set the date for a public hearing for the 2017 Budget to be held during the Commission meeting on August 11, 2016.

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager, Toby Dougherty, thanked City employees for their response and clean-up efforts as a result of the recent storm. Residents are asked to place their tree limbs at the curb of their property and city crews will pick them up. He also thanked the Ellis County Public Works Department for working with the City and accepting the large amounts of tree limbs.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller thanked City crews and first responders for all their work in response to the storm.

Commissioner Meier also thanked City crews for their work in repairing a water line on the July 4th holiday.

Chairperson Phelps stated prior to the meeting he read a proclamation proclaiming July 15, 2016 as Sister Cities International Day. He also recognized Frank Leo, proclaiming July 8, 2016 as Coach Frank Leo Day for his induction into the National Baseball Congress Hall of Fame.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk