

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON JULY 23, 2015

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Eber Phelps

James Meier

Lance Jones

Absent: Shaun Musil

Henry Schwaller IV

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 July 9, 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 June 30, 2015. Month-to-date general fund sales tax collections were at \$623,166 which is an increase of \$13,750 as compared to last year. Year-to-date general fund collections are at \$3,700,873, up \$133,184 or 3.73%.

The portfolio of certificates of deposit on June 30, 2015 totaled \$55,850,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .25%. The total balance of the Money Market account on June 30, 2015 was \$1,000,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$800,000 when compared to this time last year.

James Meier moved, Lance Jones seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of June, 2015 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Eber Phelps

James Meier

Lance Jones

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:** There were no items on the consent agenda for consideration.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**6. HAYS WELCOME CENTER DOOR STOP PROJECT:** Rick Rekoske, Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, presented information regarding a new partnership between the City of Hays and Fort Hays State University (FHSU). The partnership's first project was to create door stops for the Convention and Visitors Bureau front doors. The wind would frequently catch the doors and cause them to spring or bend.

Tobias Flores, Associate Professor of Art at FHSU, and Danielle Robinson, Adjunct Professor at FHSU, presented information on the design and creation of the two decorative stone doorstops with bronze relief in the center in a shape that would mimic the arc of the door. Images in the stones include buffalo, familiar historical figures, and Pete Felten representing the arts in Hays.

Commissioner Jones commented that the stone doorstops look amazing and that this will be a great partnership.

**7. 2016 BUDGET REVIEW:** City Manager Toby Dougherty explained that the 2016 budget had been presented and asked if the Commissioners had any clarifications or changes to be made to the budget.

It was the consensus of the Commission to wait until the other Commissioners were present to make a decision on the outside agency funding.

**8. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 BUDGET:** James Meier moved, Lance Jones seconded, to set the public hearing date of August 13, 2015 for the 2016 Budget.

Vote: Ayes: Eber Phelps  
James Meier  
Lance Jones

**9. PROJECT REPORT:** The City Manager's Office Intern, Shane Scranton, presented a monthly report of city-related activities, services, and programs.

**13. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Toby Dougherty noted the Public Works Department has completed in house rather than contracting out the repairs to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge deck and did a great job. He also complimented the joint effort between the City of Hays and Ellis County in completing the path along Hall Street which connects 45<sup>th</sup> Street with the multi-use path on 41<sup>st</sup> Street. He also reminded everyone that next week is a fifth Thursday so there will be no meeting.

**14. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Chairperson Phelps asked what percent of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Project is complete.

Greg Sund, Public Works Director, commented that they are behind schedule, and he will present a progress report on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Project at the next work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk