

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

Absent: Allan Lytton

Chairperson Wasinger 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 24, 2008; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Ron Mellick moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

(A.) Resolution AR-03, Series 2008, being a resolution expressing appreciation to Brian Ruder (Brian Ruder Agency, Inc.) for establishing a new business in the City of Hays

(B.) Mayoral appointment of Duane Spady to a 3-year term to the Hays Beautification Committee to expire August 1, 2011

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

Chairperson Wasinger presented her proposed appointment of Mark Junk to a 4-year term to the Hays Recreation Commission. The proposed

appointment will be presented for approval at the August 28, 2008 City Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 2009 BUDGET PRESENTATION, PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF

BUDGET: Christopher Channell moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the public hearing for the 2009 Budget be opened.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

Assistant City Manager Mark Loughry presented a brief overview of the budget process and reviewed the 2009 Budget. The mill levy to fund the 2009 Budget is 26 mills, up one mill from 2008.

There were no comments.

Troy Hickman moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the public hearing be closed.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

Troy Hickman moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the 2009 Budget be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

Commissioner Mellick commented that the Commissioners and staff have scrutinized all of the levy funds, except the Library Fund and Library Employee Benefit Fund, in order to keep the mill levy increase as low as possible at 26 mills. The Hays Public Library requested to be funded at the full 6 mills as allowed by law and the Library Employee Benefit Fund is responsible for .777 of a mill; therefore the City mill levy is actually 19.22 mills. The Library is spending \$1,336,000 per year in operational expenses. He is supportive of the Library; however, he would like to have a study done on the efficiency of the Library.

Melanie Miller, director of the Hays Public Library, requested to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion of the mill levy and operational expenses.

6. PURCHASE OF TRIPLEX REEL MOWER: On July 30, 2008 bids were opened for a triplex reel mower. This equipment is necessary in order to provide a “courtesy cut” for the greens and fairways at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. The Golf Course Advisory Board recommended purchasing this type of mower to provide better service to those individuals using the course. Kansas Golf and Turf, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder that met specifications.

Ron Mellick moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the bid submitted by Kansas Golf and Turf, Inc. in the amount of \$21,747 for a triplex reel mower be accepted.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

7. SALE OF AIRCRAFT HANGAR E-5 – HAYS REGIONAL AIRPORT: Dan Nixon wishes to sell Hangar E-5 and according to the hangar rental agreement, the City has first option to purchase the hangar at fair market value. The City Manager recommended the City not buy the hangar and that the Commissioners approve the sale of the hangar to Paul Simpson and that a new lease agreement with Paul Simpson be approved.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that aircraft hangar E-5 be released for sale to Paul Simpson and that a new lease agreement with Paul Simpson be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

8. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRCRAFT HANGAR – HAYS REGIONAL

AIRPORT: Paul Simpson wishes to construct a new aircraft hangar on Lot F-10 at the Hays Regional Airport. The proposed hangar is consistent with the current Airport Layout Plan and has been approved by the Airport Advisory Committee. The new construction hangar rental agreement is similar to past agreements, with the exception that the rental fee has been raised to \$.20 per square foot per year versus the \$0.15 paid by other lessees. The proposed agreement is for a one-year term and is renewable annually.

Christopher Channell moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the construction and lease agreement for a new hangar to be built by Paul Simpson on Lot F-10 at the Hays Regional Airport be approved.

Vernon Befort, 1404 West 44th Street, asked if there was any chance of getting regional jets flying into the Hays Regional Airport.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that would be a carrier decision and he was not sure if our runway would be able to handle that type of aircraft.

City Attorney John Bird stated the runway is long enough; the problem would be getting the riders off the plane.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

9. KANSAS ONE-CALL OPT OUT: During the 2008 Legislative Session, the Kansas legislature passed a law requiring all public water and sewer providers to be part of the One-Call system by July of 2009. The law does not affect all cities

uniformly, therefore opening up the possibility for Hays to pass a charter ordinance to opt out of the mandate. Currently, City staff performs locates on all excavations in public right-of-way. The issue is locates on private land. The City does not feel it necessary to perform locates on private property, as in most cases, we have no detailed maps or drawings and no way to locate the lines. If the City were required to do this, it would be an added expense with very little, if any, benefit to the private property owners.

Christopher Channell moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that Charter Ordinance No. 24, being a charter ordinance exempting the City of Hays, Kansas from the provisions of K.S.A. 66-1805 and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

10. SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2008-A: The proposed resolution authorizes the offering for sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$1,230,000 to reimburse the City for expenditures associated with the Hall Street Reconstruction and 22nd Street Construction Projects.

Ron Mellick moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that Resolution No. 2008-015, being a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Internal Improvement Bonds, Series 2008-A, of the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Troy Hickman

11. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager thanked City staff for the great job they did preparing the 2009 Budget.

12. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Hickman commented that the Parks Department has done a fine job on all of the projects that were going on this summer and he wanted to thank the department staff.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk