

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick

Chairperson Steward 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 August 8, 2013; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported that month-to-date general fund sales tax collections were at \$679,311 a very nice rebound of \$57,863 or 9.31% as compared to last year. This increase takes the YTD general fund sales tax collections back to even, up \$12,412 or .29%. The six month running average on sales tax collections is slightly down at -.19%.

The Finance/City Clerks office invested \$1,000,000 of maturing or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .18%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on July 31, 2013 totaled \$52,050,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .24%. The total balance of the Money Market account on July 31, 2013 was \$1,000,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$3,300,000 when compared to this time last year.

Ron Mellick moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of July, 2013 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. ONLINE BILL PAY SYSTEM: Finance Director Kim Rupp and Information Technology Coordinator Chad Ruder presented to the Commissioners the new online utility bill pay product called Munis Customer Self Service (CSS). This new product will be available on August 23, 2013. City of Hays customers will be able to pay their utility bills on line, they can view their current and past bills, and also view their consumption history.

7. 2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING: Chairperson Steward called to order the public hearing for the 2014 Budget.

Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno gave a formal presentation of the 2014 Budget. The 2014 Budget is a balanced budget, contains no new employees, adequately funds reserves, and keeps the mill levy at 25 mills for the fifth year in a row.

There were no comments from the audience.

Eber Phelps moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the public hearing be closed.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick

8. 2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE: State statute requires the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the increase in total dollars levied in any year it will exceed the previous year. The projected mill levy in dollars will increase for the 2014 budget over the 2013 amount; however, the total mill rate will remain at 25.00 mills for 2014.

Eber Phelps moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that Ordinance No. 3869 authorizing the City to budget property tax revenues for 2014 in an amount exceeding the total dollars levied in the 2013 Budget, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick

9. 2014 BUDGET APPROVAL: Ron Mellick moved, Shaun Musil seconded, that the 2014 Budget be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward
Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that the Parks Department completed the demonstration garden in front of City Hall. There will be plant identification markers by each grouping to let the public know what is planted there and to show the public what drought tolerant landscaping can look like.

The City Manager also wanted to give credit to Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno, Finance Director Kim Rupp, and Executive Assistant Andrea Windholz for preparing the 2014 Budget.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Mellick thanked City staff and Department Heads for putting a good budget together.

Commissioner Musil added that he is impressed that we have a balanced budget and are also planning for the future.

Commissioner Phelps complimented Horticulturist Joann Schroller on various city gardens throughout the community. Commissioner Phelps also stated he will be attending the Kansas League of Municipalities meeting in Emporia.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk