

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

Chairperson Billinger 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 August 10, 2006 regular meeting; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Manager Randy Gustafson reported that the Finance Office invested \$4,000,000 of maturing certificates of deposit and bond proceeds in July with a weighted average interest rate of 5.43%.

Troy Hickman moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of July 2006 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Chairperson Billinger read a proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2006 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

B. The Commissioners received Chairperson Billinger's proposed appointments to the following boards/committees:

Airport Advisory Committee

Dan Stecklein

Monty Smith

Hays Beautification Committee

Jeremy Dannebohm

Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee

Tim Cossaart

Jane Matlock

Mitesh Patel

Neighborhood Revitalization/Downtown Development Review Board

Kim Billinger

Wilbert Pfeifer

The appointments will be presented for approval at the September 14, 2006 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. CITY OF HAYS INSURANCE COVERAGE – SUNFLOWER INSURANCE

GROUP: Mark Skidmore, Account Executive for Sunflower Insurance Group, reviewed various changes that have been made to the City's property coverage for 2006/2007.

7. SALE OF HANGAR AT THE HAYS REGIONAL AIRPORT: Dr. John Pokorny wishes to sell Hangar AA-2 to Dr. Jeff Curtis for the amount of

\$55,000. The City has first option to purchase the building for this amount but declined to do so. Staff recommended approval of the sale.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the sale of Hangar AA-2 at the Hays Regional Airport from Dr. John Pokorny to Dr. Jeff Curtis be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

8. ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS SOUTH OF FOX THEATER: The owner of the Fox Pavilion, 1202 Main Street, has requested the City consider making repairs to a 10'X60" area of the concrete alley immediately south of their building. Repairs are being made to the building which involves, among other things, replacing the curb, sidewalk, and other concrete in front of the Fox. The owner would like to have the alley fixed in conjunction with these other repairs. The estimated cost of the repair is \$5,589, if contracted out. The owner has offered to pay for the demolition, reducing the cost to the City to \$2,839.

Kent Steward moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the request from the owner of the Fox Pavilion to repair the alley and split the costs be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

9. PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT – 2670 EAST 9TH STREET (HESS SERVICES): The proposed Pre-annexation Agreement has been requested by the owner of the property at 2670 East 9th Street. The owner wishes to tie a business operation onto the City of Hays public sewer system that extends

through the subject property. It is necessary to approve the Pre-annexation Agreement to allow the connection to occur.

Kent Steward moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Pre-annexation Agreement and Provision for Sanitary Sewer Services with Dan and Lisa Hess for property located at 2670 East 9th Street be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

10. REGIONAL RESCUE TEAM GRANT APPLICATION: The Northwest Regional Homeland Security Council is charged with creating deployable resources that can be used in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. A rescue team trained and equipped for building collapse and similar situations is a targeted project for 2006. Staff requested approval to continue a grant application for \$92,000 to establish a technical rescue team for the region. The funding source for this grant is federal dollars distributed to the State of Kansas through the Department of Homeland Security. The Hays Fire Department currently operates the regional hazardous materials response team funded through the state fire marshal's office.

Fire Chief Gary Brown stated that the Fire Department already has a fair amount of rescue equipment. The firefighters have been trained for trench rescue, building collapse, surface water rescue, high angle rescue, machinery entanglement rescue, and vehicle rescue. This grant is a way to get more adequate equipment for the work the firefighters are already trained to do. By having the commitment for both the regional hazardous materials team and the regional rescue team, it may be required for these two teams to respond to emergency situations in our 18 county region. Therefore, the Fire Chief intends to open membership in the team to interested members of other fire rescue/EMS agencies in the area. The grant has been approved at the regional level and is now being reviewed at the state level.

Troy Hickman moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that approval be given to continue a grant application to the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council for \$92,000 to establish a technical rescue team for the region.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

11. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Attorney stated he has checked with the Division of Water Resources concerning what controls the City may have over private well usage in the City. He is still waiting to hear back from them.

The City Manager stated he removed the discussion about water conservation from this evening's agenda and would like to discuss the topic at the September 7, 2006 work session. He reported that the City's water system is in good shape.

12. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller commented that he agreed with Commissioner Steward's comments at the August 17, 2006 work session regarding the stop signs at 27th Street and Indian Trail not being changed until such time as the Commissioners decide what to do about East 27th Street.

Commissioner Schwaller requested that discussion be held at a future work session about some concerns citizens have about the Access transportation program.

Chairperson Billinger recognized Keith Eilts, Scoutmaster of Troop 101, who brings his boy scouts to Commission meetings each year in order to earn their Communications Merit Badge.

Chairperson Billinger requested that the Commissioners consider a program that he became aware of at a mayoral conference that he recently attended. The program consists of handing out 100 disposable cameras to

school-age children with the instructions that they are to take pictures of what they consider is good about this community and what is not good. He stated that the community who did this found the results very interesting.

Chairperson Billinger stated that all of the mayors from northwest communities that he has visited with have indicated that they were willing to participate in a mayoral conference. It is planned to discuss issues that each town faces.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____
City Clerk