

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

Chairperson Hickman 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 September 13, 2007; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Assistant City Manager Mark Loughry reported that investments on August 31, 2007 totaled \$36,150,000, which is an increase of \$3,400,000 when compared to August 2006. Interest due at maturity on current investments totaled \$1,707,014, which is an increase of \$223,332 when compared to August 31, 2006. In August, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$4,000,000 of maturing certificates of deposit with a weighted average interest of 5.03%. August sales tax collections for the General Fund totaled \$521,273, which is a decrease of \$19,864 when compared to August 2006. To date, sales tax collections are up 3.31% compared to 2006.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of August, 2007 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Kyle Ermoian, president of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, addressed the Commission regarding the annual community Thanksgiving dinner which will be held at the National Guard Armory on Thanksgiving Day. Various business groups and individuals are donating supplies and funds to keep this tradition alive. Mr. Ermoian requested that the Commission consider donating to this event.

Further discussion on this request will take place at the October 4, 2007 work session.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Ron Mellick moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that a Cereal Malt Beverage License be approved for the Volga German Society (Oktoberfest).

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

NEW BUSINESS

6. COLUMBARIUM AT MOUNT ALLEN CEMETERY: An amount of \$50,000 was budgeted in 2007 for the purchase and installation of a columbarium at Mount Allen Cemetery. Installing a columbarium would help insure that Mount Allen Cemetery does not reach its capacity as quickly due to the limited amount of burial plots remaining. The columbarium would also give citizens a more cost

efficient option for burial services. Two bids were received, with Schmidt Monument submitting the low bid of \$29,392.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the bid submitted by Schmidt Monument in the amount of \$29,392 for the purchase and installation of a columbarium at Mount Allen Cemetery be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

7. 2007 WATERLINE UPGRADES – AWARD OF BIDS: The City solicited bids for the construction of waterline improvements throughout various areas of the City. The bid documents were structured so that the contractors could bid on any or all of the individual projects. After reviewing the bids, staff recommended awarding two contracts to APAC for a total amount of \$2,057,999.49 and one contract to Hi-Plains Sand in the amount of \$119,746.70.

Assistant Public Works Director John Braun stated that after the 2007 Waterlines Upgrades Project was designed and bid, it was discovered that the City's water distribution system does not provide adequate water volume to support the fire protection sprinkler system for the Immaculate Heart of Mary church planned for construction at 18th and Milner. It will cost approximately \$50,000 to address this problem and Mr. Braun suggested that an upgrade to the waterline on Milner be approved as a change order to the 2007 Waterline Upgrades Project. The Commissioners will be requested to approve the change order at the October 11, 2007 Commission meeting.

Christopher Channell moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with APAC for a total amount of \$2,057,999.49 and Hi-Plains Sand for a total amount of \$119,746.70 for the construction of waterline upgrades.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

8. RECODIFICATION OF CODE OF ORDINANCES: Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that Ordinance No. 3737, being an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Hays, Kansas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty reported that Ellis County has been chosen by Progressive Farmer magazine as one of the top 20 places in rural America to live. The list will be narrowed down to 10 and will be published in their magazine.

10. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Wasinger urged citizens to help with the community Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance.

Chairperson Hickman urged citizens to be careful during the homecoming parades and monitor their children to keep them safe.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: _____

City Clerk

