

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Ron Mellick

Absent: Henry Schwaller IV

Barbara Wasinger

Chairperson Hickman declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

2. MINUTES: Commissioner Steward corrected the minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting to reflect the Chairman as Troy Hickman. The minutes stand approved as corrected.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported that month-to-date sales tax collections for the Sports Complex were \$273,610, which was an increase of \$45,878 when compared to last year. Year-to-date collections are \$1,997,880 and inception-to-date collections total \$8,938,963. General Fund month-to-date sales tax collections were \$671,019, an increase of \$115,458 or 20.78% compared to last year. Year-to-date General Fund sales tax collections are up \$364,041 or 8.03%. The six month running average is 8.48%.

The Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$3,750,000 of new or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .20%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on August 31, 2012 totaled \$47,750,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .24%. The total balance of the Money Market account on August 31, 2012 was \$600,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$9,200,000 when compared to this time last year.

Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of August 2012 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Kent Steward
Ron Mellick

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Chairperson Hickman presented the following proposed mayoral appointments:

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Max Maximov – three-year term to expire January 1, 2016

Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee

Connie Schmidt – unexpired term to expire December 1, 2013

The proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the October 11, 2012 City Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2012 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE: I. D. Creech, Director of Public Works, updated the Commissioners on the 2012 Street Maintenance Program. Approximately \$1,260,000 has been spent on polypatch, stripe and seal, chip and seal, and brick, curb and gutter repair.

7. TERMINATION OF HAYS PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC WHOLESAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #15: Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15 was formed in the 1990's by the cities of Hays and Russell to be a vehicle to bring water to Hays and Russell from the R-9 Ranch. To date, that has not materialized. The District has no assets, no holdings of any kind; it has a board of directors. There is one item of record identified with the District, that being an application, through the District on behalf of the cities of Hays and Russell, for water rights in Wilson Lake should they become available. It is the only

application on file and it is highly unlikely that water from Wilson Lake will be made available to cities. The City could put in an application for water rights in the City of Hays' name if the Commission should desire to do so.

Terminating the City's participation in the Water Supply District does not change the ownership of the R-9 Ranch; Hays owns 82% of the Ranch and Russell owns 18%. Hays manages the Ranch with input from Russell; that will not change.

Kent Steward moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that Ordinance No. 3856, being an ordinance providing for the withdrawal by the City of Hays, Kansas, from Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 15, be approved.

Commissioner Mellick stated that this is not something the City wants to do; however if Russell has lost confidence in Hays, it has become necessary to dissolve the partnership. The District could be reinstated at some point in the future if both parties desire to do so. Russell has an urgent need for water now and Hays is looking long-term. When the District was formed, both cities had urgent needs, but the City of Hays, through conservation and well rehabilitation activities, has pushed our needs to long term.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Ron Mellick

8. CITY OF HAYS WATER WATCH UPDATE: City Manager Toby Dougherty updated the Commissioners on the conditions of the Big Creek Wellfield and the Smoky Wellfield. The watch was triggered by low levels on three wells in the Big Creek Wellfield six weeks ago, followed by low levels in the monitoring well in the Smoky Wellfield two weeks later. Residents were asked to cut back on outside watering and a decline in water usage was noticed. There has been some small recharge in the Big Creek Wellfield, but none in the Smoky Wellfield. The water watch is going to continue and may continue throughout the winter months. The area needs lots of rain for the aquifers to soak up and recharge.

9. PROGRESS REPORT: Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno reported on various city-related activities and events that have occurred in the past month.

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager had no additional items to report on.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward thanked the Public Works staff for their work on city streets. Massive improvements have been made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Doris Wing – City Clerk