

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, September 28, 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 September 14, 2006 regular meeting; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Manager Randy Gustafson reported that City investments on August 31, 2006 totaled \$32,750,000. In August, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$4,250,000 of maturing Certificates of Deposit with a weighted average interest rate of 5.28%.

Troy Hickman moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of August, 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: Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that Chairperson Billinger's proposed mayoral appointments to the following boards/committees be accepted:

Sister Cities Advisory Board: Tom Thomas
Airport Advisory Committee: Weeden Nichols

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

The proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the October 12, 2006 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. "GET THE PICTURE" PROJECT: Chairperson Billinger explained the guidelines for the "Get the Picture" project along with Diane Becker, representing the Center for Civic Leadership at Fort Hays State University. The project is an interactive civic project in collaboration with Fort Hays State University. One-hundred disposable cameras will be distributed to local elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Approximately 400 students will take pictures of any area of the community that they are the most proud of and any area of the community in need of special attention. The program will raise awareness of both the positive aspects of the Hays community and those areas needing improvement. This program will allow students of varying ages an opportunity to voice their opinions. Wal-Mart has agreed to participate in the project by discounting the cost of the disposable cameras and the picture development costs. It is

estimated that it will cost the City approximately \$600, plus an additional \$500 if the Commission chooses to award some money back to the schools for category winners, for a total cost of \$1100.

The pictures will be used to make a Power Point presentation as well as a physical display. A report analyzing the results and revealing the community issues discovered will be written to conclude the project.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the "Get the Picture" project be approved.

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

7. BALL FIELD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: In the 2006 Budget, an amount of \$14,000 is budgeted to replace the dilapidated utility vehicle currently in use by the Ball Field Division. Staff recommended purchasing the Cushman Truckster because it meets all the requirements necessary to function as a spraying/utility vehicle for the Ball Field Division, and it has the ability to handle all golf course attachments and can be operated on the greens and fairways without causing turf damage. This unit is \$81.00 more than the lowest responsible bid but will perform all tasks needed as delivered. The lowest responsible bid will require future modification in the form of tires and wheels or will be limited to certain tasks. This unit best suits the needs of the City.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the bid from Kansas Golf and Turf for the purchase of a Cushman Truckster, at a cost of \$13,081, be approved.

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

8. ASH STREET WATERLINE BIDS: The following bids were received for the replacement of the old 4" waterline on Ash Street from 20th to 27th Street with an 8" waterline:

APAC	\$432,245
J Corp	\$381,634

The City's engineer for this project estimated the replacement cost to be \$501,677. \$466,000 was budgeted in the 2006 Budget. He reviewed both proposals and found both to be valid and recommended awarding the contract to J Corp. J Corp has indicated that the earliest date they can start the project would be November 15, 2006.

Troy Hickman moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the bid from J Corp, in the amount of \$381,634, for the construction of waterline upgrades along Ash Street between 20th and 27th Street, be approved.

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

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager reported that City crews will be installing a waterline from 27th to 25th Street along Main because the system is not looped in that area. This will help with fire protection and water quality. The work will be done in November.

10. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller requested staff review procedures pertaining to disconnecting water service to customers with past due bills.

Commissioner Schwaller requested staff study traffic issues relating to the traffic light at 27th and Fort Street.

The City Manager stated that the light at that intersection is one of the few that is not video controlled. Staff will check into this and report back at a later time.

Chairperson Billinger requested a report on the Home Depot/D. J. Christie project.

Chairperson Billinger stated that he would like to know more about the stormwater release procedures on the Van Doren property at 27th and Country Lane.

Chairperson Billinger reminded the Commissioners of the mayoral conference to be held in Hill City, Kansas on October 14, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk