

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2014 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 corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on January 9, 2014; 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 \$594,061 which is an increase of \$38,857 as compared to last year. The year-to-date general fund sales tax collections are down -\$11,335 or -.15%. Therefore, the general fund sales tax collections ended the year flat at a total of \$7,302,199. The six month running average on general fund sales tax collections is at .92%.

The Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$1,200,000 of maturing or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .20%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on December 31, 2013 totaled \$52,000,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .23%. The total balance of the Money Market account on December 31, 2013 was \$750,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$3,300,000 when compared to this time last year.

Ron Mellick moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of December 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: Chairperson Steward presented the following mayoral appointments, which will be presented at the February 13, 2014 City Commission meeting.

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Olga Detrixhe – three year term to expire January 1, 2017

Corrie Zimmerman – three year term to expire January 1, 2017

Eber Phelps moved to approve the appointments when it was discovered a motion was not required as it will be voted on at the February 13, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Phelps withdrew his motion.

NEW BUSINESS

6. HAYS AQUATIC PARK AND WILSON POOL FEES: In an effort to increase revenue and be more consistent with other community pools throughout the state a recommendation is being made to add a third tier to the daily admissions at Wilson Pool and the Hays Aquatic Park. The Hays Recreation Commission Board and City staff recommend adding a third tier fee for individuals age 18 and up. The recommended fee for the third tier at the Hays Aquatic Park is \$4.00 and Wilson Pool is \$3.00 for the 2014 swim season. This is a \$1.00 increase in daily admission for those 18 and up.

Ron Mellick moved, Shaun Musil seconded, to approve a third tier fee at area pools for individuals age 18 and up for an amount of \$4.00 at the Hays Aquatic Park and \$3.00 at Wilson Pool for the 2014 swim season.

Chairperson Steward stated he does not think the increase is unreasonable, but won't support it and feels it is unrealistic to think we can make the pool self supporting. He stated even a one dollar increase will be a real problem for some people and he would rather that we collectively absorb the cost and keep the fees where they are.

Commissioner Schwaller stated that a \$3.00 fee for Wilson Pool is unreasonable and the logic for raising the prices is flawed, and that it will actually reduce the number of people that go to the pool.

Commissioner Musil commented that everything goes up and this is a safe place for kids to go and it is important to the community.

Vote Ayes: Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Ron Mellick

No: Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

7. FORT HAYS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE TOURNAMENT FEE INCREASE:

The Golf Course Advisory Board has had numerous discussions over the last couple of years in regard to increasing tournament fees. The current policy and fee schedule for tournaments is outdated and well below what other courses from across the state receive for tournament green fees. The Golf Course Advisory Board and City staff request approval to proceed with a standard tournament greens fee of \$15.00 per person for all tournaments at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Shaun Musil seconded to approve the recommendation to proceed with a standard tournament greens fee of \$15.00 per person for all tournaments at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Ron Mellick

8. FORT HAYS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE JUNIOR GOLF FEES: The Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board recommends adding a Junior Golf Greens Fee for those ages seventeen and under for an amount of \$10.00. Adding a Junior Golf Fee will make the course more affordable for those seventeen and under which should increase play on the course and perhaps add future membership/greens fees for the course.

Shaun Musil moved, Henry Schwaller IV, seconded to approve the recommendation to add a Junior Golf Greens fee, for an amount of \$10.00, beginning March 1, 2014 at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Ron Mellick

9. VEHICLE ABATEMENT – 412 WEST 8TH STREET: This item was pulled since it has been abated.

10. VEHICLE ABATEMENT – 600 AND 602 VINE STREET: Director of Public Works I. D. Creech reported that only one of the vehicles to be abated remained on the properties at 600 and 602 Vine Street as of 6:00 p.m. that evening, all the other vehicles have been removed from the site.

Chris Miller, owner of Auto Tech, 600 and 602 Vine Street and Scott Simpson, owner of Best Radiator, addressed the Commissioners regarding the City ordinance on inoperable vehicles. They shared their concerns with the ordinance and will attend the February 4, 2014 work session when this issue will be discussed further.

Chairperson Steward stated that we don't have a motion on the floor and all the vehicles have been removed but one; it is not his wish to act on this agenda item.

The other Commissioners concurred that no action be taken at this time.

11. PROGRESS REPORT: Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno presented a monthly report of city-related activities, services, and programs.

12. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty reported on long term land development planning. He distributed a map that showed the developable property that is either next to existing infrastructure or in relative close proximity to it. The map showed 1,747 acres available which indicates there is significant amount of residential, commercial and industrial land available for development.

13. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Mellick asked the City Manager to address the water main break.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that the Utilities Department has fixed the 10" water main break that occurred in the 100 block of East Main Street.

Chairperson Steward is concerned the public does not understand how serious the water situation is. He stated we are entering the fourth year of a drought and under established City guidelines if there isn't significant precipitation this winter or early spring we are going to enter next summer with a total ban on outside watering.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk