

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chairperson Wasinger 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 October 9, 2008; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported that investments on September 30, 2008 totaled \$38,950,000, which is a \$3,050,000 increase compared to September 2007. The weighted average interest rate on the total investment portfolio as of September 30th is 2.66%. In September, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$10,950,000 of maturing certificates of deposits with a weighted average interest rate of 2.57%. September sales tax collections totaled \$818,903, which was an increase of \$74,357 when compared to 2007. Year to date sales tax collections are up 8.81% compared to 2007.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of September 2008 be approved.

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

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. HAYS EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION: Chairperson Wasinger presented service awards to the following City employees:

5-Year Awards

Gary Brown	Janet Kuhn
Amy Leiker	Luann Steffen

10-Year Awards

Jason Bonczynski	Aaron Ditter
Timothy Greenwood	Jason Knipp
Christopher Stegman	Andrea Windholz

15-Year Awards

Timothy Huck	Karen Randa
Donald Scheibler	Shawn Swift

20-Year Awards

James Cooper	Jana Jordan
Daniel Younger	

25-Year Awards

Michael Kline	Ronald Rice
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35-Year Awards

Jerry Haynes

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Chairperson Wasinger presented her proposed appointment of Loretta Dorn to an unexpired term to the Hays Beautification Committee. The appointment will be presented for approval at the November 13, 2008 Commission meeting.

Ron Mellick moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the mayoral appointment of William Kramer to a 4-year term on the Building Trades Board to expire on August 27, 2012, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

NEW BUSINESS

7. DAN RUPP/LIONS CLUB PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BIDS: In the 2008 Budget, an amount of \$32,000 is budgeted for the purchase and installation of a playground unit at Dan Rupp/Lions Club Park. The existing unit at the Park is in very poor condition and must be removed. The Parks Department received 31 proposals; staff narrowed the proposals down to six units from six different vendors and presented the proposals to the Lions Club. The Lions Club voted to donate \$5,000 for the purchase of the unit from Fry and Associates. City staff is in agreement with their choice of a playground unit. With the donation from the Lions Club, the City's portion of the playground unit will be \$23,908 or \$8,092 below budget. A portion of the remaining funds will be used to purchase fall zone materials and install a sidewalk to meet ADA requirements.

Les Herrman, president of the Lions Club, presented a check for \$5,000 to Chairperson Wasinger for the purchase of the playground unit.

Parks Director Jeff Boyle stated that if it weren't for the civic groups in Hays, the various parks in Hays would not have the playground units that are in place. He thanked the Lions Club for assisting with this project.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, to accept the bid submitted by Fry and Associates in the amount of \$28,908 and accept the \$5,000 donation from the Lions Club for the purchase and installation of a playground unit at Dan Rupp/Lions Club Park.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

8. 2008/2009 NATURAL GAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: A request has been made by First Call for Help for the City of Hays to provide natural gas emergency assistance to low-income families and individuals in Hays. They are requesting \$20,000 from the City to provide assistance for this program. At the October 16, 2008 work session, the Commission suggested using funds from the City Commission Projects line item. There is \$44,000 available in that line item.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that this program was approved in 2006 by the Commission. \$45,000 was made available; however, only \$17,000 was disbursed. The City Manager suggested that if the program is approved again for this winter, that the program be managed with the same conditions as the last program. That program had a list of criteria that had to be met before First Call for Help would disburse the money.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that funding for the Natural Gas Assistance Program for the winter of 2008/2009, in the amount of \$20,000, be approved with the understanding that the program be managed with the same criteria as the 2006 program.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

9. REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1016 WEST 35TH STREET: A developer has requested a change of zoning from A-L (Agricultural District) to R-3N (Two-family Neighborhood District) for the property located at 1016 West 35th Street. The area is defined as single-family residential in the adopted

Comprehensive Plan, however, the request does fit the overall scheme of the Comprehensive Plan and does fit the character of the neighborhood, which is primarily single family residences and town homes. No objections were voiced at the public hearing held during the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on September 15, 2008.

Ron Mellick moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that Ordinance No. 3757, being an ordinance rezoning a tract in the northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Eighteen (18) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Ellis County, Kansas, except certain tracts, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

10. ONE-WAY CONSIDERATION FOR ALLEY SOUTH OF POST OFFICE:

City staff was asked to look at the option of converting the alley just south of the Post Office at 8th and Fort Street to one-way traffic east-bound only. Data was collected and comments solicited from adjacent business owners; there were no objections.

Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the alley south of the Post Office be converted to one-way traffic eastbound.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

11. HAYS REGIONAL AIRPORT ENPLANEMENTS:

Public Works Director Brenda Herrman reported that overall enplanements at the Hays Regional Airport are down approximately 21% from 2007 enplanements. In October 2007, Great Lakes Airlines was awarded a two-year contract to provide service to both

Denver and Kansas City. The Public Works Director felt that the change in departure and arrival times to Kansas City had a significant impact on boardings. The boardings to Denver have a slight reduction, but not nearly as significant as the Kansas City boardings. It is unlikely that the Hays Regional Airport will reach the goal of 10,000 boardings in 2008. In order to make the Hays Regional Airport eligible for \$1 million in FAA funding, it is necessary to have 10,000 annual boardings.

Mrs. Herrman stated that she has increased advertising and has contacted Great Lakes to see if it would be possible to change the scheduling to/from Kansas City. She noted that Dodge City and Garden City have had some reductions in boardings as well, but she does not know if it is directly attributable to the Great Lakes scheduling.

Commissioner Mellick commented that the boardings to Kansas City dropped significantly in October 2007 when Great Lakes took over the air carrier service to Kansas City.

The Public Works Director updated the Commissioners on street and waterline projects that have either been completed or are under construction throughout the city.

Mrs. Herrman stated that the annual Alley Clean-Up Program cost \$14,240 more in disposal costs mainly due to higher tipping fees at the landfill and higher fuel costs.

11.1 ADD-ONS: City Manager Toby Dougherty reported that agreements have been reached with four property owners for easements related to the Smoky Hill River Wellfield improvement sites.

City Attorney John Bird stated that a condemnation petition has been filed in District Court for the remaining three properties that are a part of the wellfield improvements. He will keep the Commissioners advised of the progress of that petition and recommended the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreements with the other four property owners.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreements relating to easements associated with the

Smoky Hill River Wellfield improvement sites with the Dorr, Madden, Gottschalk, and Urban families.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Troy Hickman

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

13. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Lytton thanked the employees that received service awards for their service and also thanked the City employees who worked on the Main Street Project.

Commissioner Mellick reminded the citizens that this next weekend was the last weekend to take branches to the Compost Site. After November 1st, all tree limbs will need to be taken to the Ellis County Landfill.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk