

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 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 additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular session held on October 11, 2007; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Assistant City Manager Mark Loughry reported that investments on September 30, 2007 totaled \$35,900,000, which is an increase of \$3,150,000 when compared to September 30, 2006. Interest due at maturity on current investments totals \$1,583,638, which is an increase of \$69,500 compared to September 30, 2006. In September, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$3,750,000 of maturing Certificates of Deposit with a weighted average interest rate of 4.99%. Sales tax collected in September for the General Fund totaled \$516,431, which is an increase of \$48,024 when compared to 2006. To date, sales tax collections are up 4.06% when compared to 2006.

Barbara Wasinger moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of September 2007 be approved.

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

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. HAYS EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION: Mayor Hickman presented employee service awards to the following employees:

5-Year Awards

Curtis Deines	Justin Killian	Jeffery Ridgway
Arlen Flax	Tobin Miller	Jesse Rohr
Jacob Helget	Darin Myers	Jamie Schmidt
Jessica Jacobs	Michael O’Gorman	

10-Year Awards

Jeffrey Boyle	Russel Systma	
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15-Year Awards

Kevin Augustine	Danial Koerner	Kyle Leiker
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25-Year Awards

Charles Blair	Joseph Obholz	Rich Shanley
William Lovewell	JoAnn Phillips	

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the following items be approved:

A. Cereal Malt Beverage License be approved for Main Street Express

B. The following mayoral appointments:

Hays Beautification Committee

Randee Boggs – unexpired term to expire August 1, 2009

Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board

Sue Rouse – 2-year term to expire November 1, 2009

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION FOR ABATEMENT – 510 WEST 23RD STREET: Procedures were started May 10, 2007 regarding the heaving sidewalk at 510 West 23rd Street. Staff has gone through all of the proper procedures to correct the violation. The owners did remove the two street trees causing the uplifting of the sidewalk. The property owner has contracted with a private contractor to replace the heaving sidewalk. Staff recommended the resolution be approved in the event the property owner does not follow through with the appropriate repairs.

Ron Mellick moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that Resolution No. 2007-018, being a resolution authorizing the City of Hays or its designated agent to repair the sidewalk located on the property at 510 West 23rd Street, Hays, Kansas, be approved.

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

8. ORDINANCE AWARDING LEASE PURCHASE FOR WELCOME CENTER:

The City of Hays solicited Request for Proposals for the lease purchase of the new Welcome Center. The proposals were reviewed by the City's Financial Advisor. Because the two lowest qualified proposals were substantially the same and the second lowest proposal had fewer stipulations, staff recommended

accepting the proposal from The Bank of Hays with an interest rate of 6.65%. In order to proceed with the lease purchase, it is necessary for the Commissioners to approve an ordinance to enter into the lease purchase.

Deron O'Connor, Senior Vice-President of Commerce Bank and Tom Thomas, President of Commerce Bank, addressed the Commissioners about the bid Commerce Bank submitted for the lease purchase. They wanted to clarify several of the stipulations in their bid.

Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that Ordinance No. 3739, being an ordinance authorizing the City of Hays, Kansas, to enter into a base lease, as lessor, with Bank of Hays, a branch of Hanston State Bank, as lessee; a lease purchase agreement, as lessee, with Bank of Hays, a branch of Hanston State Bank, as lessor, with respect to the construction of a building; an escrow agreement with Bank of Hays, a branch of Hanston State Bank and Bank of Hays, a branch of Hanston State Bank, as escrow agent; and any other necessary agreements, be approved.

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

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Dougherty expressed his appreciation to the City employees receiving service awards this evening. He stated it is a testament to the organization that there are so many tenured employees.

10. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Lytton also thanked the employees that received service awards; he commented that he was glad the City recognized them.

Commissioner Channell reported that one of the Sister City flags is flying lower than the other two flags in the greenspace at 13th and Hall Street.

Commissioner Mellick commented on the successful Alley Cleanup Program that was recently completed. He thanked the Public Works/Parks Department employees for their hard work.

Commissioner Wasinger stated that she would like to explore the possibility of having some temporary inexpensive signage placed around town informing citizens of how their tax dollars are being spent on various projects.

The City Manager stated that signage will be discussed at a future work session in 2008.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:05 p.m. for five minutes to discuss contract negotiations. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is in the public's best interest to not reveal the City's position during negotiations.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Chairperson Hickman called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk