

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 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: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular session held on October 11, 2012; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. HAYS EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION: Chairperson Hickman presented service awards to the following City employees:

5-Year Awards

Brandon Hauptman

Suzanna Augustine

TJ Mages

Lucas Everett

Tyler Brungardt

Wade Park

Josh Perez

Brad Domann

10-Year Awards

Mike O’Gorman

Jake Helget

Tobin Miller

Curtis Deines

Jessi Jacob

Jeff Ridgway

Jesse Rohr

15-Year Awards

Jeff Boyle

20-Year Awards

Kyle Leiker

Kevin Augustine

Dan Koerner

30-Year Awards

Bill Lovewell

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported that month-to-date sales tax collections for the Sports Complex were \$235,386, which was an increase of \$77 when compared to last year. Total year-to-date collections are \$2,233,265 and inception-to-date collections total \$9,174,348. Month-to-date General Fund sales tax collections were \$572,295, down \$1,041 or -.18% when compared to last year. Year-to-date General Fund sales tax collections are up \$363,000 or 7.11%. The six month running average on sales tax collection is up 8.84%.

The Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$6,000,000 of new or renewing certificates with a weighted average interest rate of .30%. The portfolio of certificates of deposit on September 30, 2012 totaled \$47,750,000 with a weighted average interest rate of .25%. The total balance of the Money Market account on September 30, 2012 was \$1,000,000 with a current yield of .20%. Total investments are up \$6,850,000 when compared to this time last year.

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

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Kent Steward
Ron Mellick

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Chairperson Hickman presented the following proposed mayoral appointment which will be presented for approval at the November 8, 2012 Commission meeting:

Building Trades Board

Tim Jacobs (Plumbing/Mechanical) – 4-year term to expire August 27, 2016

NEW BUSINESS

7. VEHICLE ABATEMENT AT 1803 GENERAL CUSTER RD.: One vehicle has been removed; however one vehicle remains on the property at 1803 General Custer Rd. The owner of the property will attempt to remove the vehicle before the 10 day notification period ends.

Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, that Resolution No. 2012-014, being a resolution authorizing the City of Hays or its designated agent to abate nuisance located on the property at 1803 General Custer Rd., Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Ron Mellick

8. MARKET HAYS PLAN PRESENTATION: Jana Jordan, director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), reported on a marketing plan for the city of Hays. In January 2012, the CVB contacted Jake Huyett with Jones, Huyett Partners in Topeka to assist in creating a solid marketing plan for Hays. After visiting Hays, he met with CVB staff, fellow economic development partners, and local tourism personnel to discuss the best opportunities for marketing Hays and Ellis County. A Market Hays Action Plan was developed which promotes the City's assets and points out areas where the City has fallen short and needs to take corrective action. A brand image of our community will be introduced along with stepped up efforts in digital and social media, as well as promoting Hays to local residents.

9. PROGRESS REPORT: There was no progress report.

10. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: The City Manager thanked the employees who were recognized this evening for their years of service to the City of Hays.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Steward commented about the increase in membership in the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Membership had greatly declined. Under state law,

50% of eligible employees must belong to a union. The City had taken action to have SEIU de-certified. As a result of that action, membership has increased. Commissioner Steward sees that as a positive thing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Doris Wing – City Clerk