

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Absent: Kent Steward
Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that Troy Hickman assume the role of Acting Chairman for this meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

Acting 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 13, 2005; the minutes stand approved as written.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director/City Clerk Mark Loughry reported that sales tax collections for September 2005 increased by \$358,822 due in large part to the collection of an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ % sales tax in 2005 for budget stabilization. Sales tax collections deposited in the General Fund totaled \$199,227, which is an 8.81% increase over sales tax collected last year for the same time period. Year-to-date sales tax collections for the General Fund

totaled \$1,698,217, which is an increase of 5.73% over the same timeframe in 2004.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of September 2005 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Barbara Wasinger moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

Hays Beautification Committee

William Paul – 3-year term to expire August 1, 2008

Hays-Ellis County Board of Zoning Appeals

Jerry Sonntag – un-expired term to expire on May 1, 2006

Hays Housing Authority Board

Shirley Green – un-expired term to expire February 14, 2006

Mary Ridgway – un-expired term to expire February 14, 2008

B. The Commission received Mayor Steward's proposed appointment of Marlene Wasinger to the Hays Beautification Committee. The Commissioners will be requested to approve the appointment at the November 10, 2005 Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. SUNRISE PARK CONSTRUCTION BID: In 2005, \$75,000 was budgeted for the construction of a restroom facility and sidewalk at Sunrise Park. Paul-Wertenberger Construction submitted the only bid for the project. Their bid was \$73,200.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the bid received from Paul-Wertenberger Construction, in the amount of \$73,200 for the construction of a restroom facility and sidewalk at Sunrise Park, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

7. 2006 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Preferred Health Systems Insurance Company has quoted the City of Hays a renewal rate for 2006 coverage that reflects a 4.59% increase. This quote provides for identical health insurance coverage as that experienced in 2005.

Commissioner Schwaller asked about the approximately \$400,000 refund the City received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

City Attorney John Bird stated that since the City paid the premiums for City employees' health insurance, the refund would go back into the insurance fund that is devoted to employee health insurance benefits.

City Manger Randy Gustafson stated that surplus funds are used to build up the reserve insurance fund to help cover future insurance costs. It is possible that those funds could be used for a self-insured plan in the future.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to sign a contract with Preferred Health Systems Insurance Company for 2006 health insurance coverage.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

8. KP&F AFFILIATION FOR OPTIONAL GROUP LIFE INSURANCE: The City currently affiliates with KPERS to allow employees to purchase additional life insurance, at their own expense, through payroll deduction. It is necessary to pass a resolution allowing the City of Hays to become a participating employer for optional group life insurance under the Kansas Police and Firemen Retirement System.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that Resolution No. 2005-027, being a resolution allowing the City of Hays to become a participating employer for optional group life insurance under the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

9. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PRESENTATION: Fire Chief Gary Brown and Police Chief Jim Braun gave a presentation about emergency management operations involving the City of Hays.

Chief Brown and Chief Braun explained how various City departments would respond and work together in the event of a disaster. Disaster plans have been established that would bring together the resources of Hays Medical Center, Midwest Energy, and Ellis County along with state and federal agencies, if necessary.

10. SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: According to Section 12.080.090 of the Code of Ordinances, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk in repair. Public Works staff proposes to enact a Sidewalk Replacement Program that will allow property owners to make needed sidewalk improvements and request reimbursement from the City for materials to help relieve the cost burden. In some instances, it will be necessary to remove trees that are causing sidewalks to buckle. Staff recommended that rebates for tree removal be included in the Sidewalk Replacement Program for ½ the cost of tree removal up to a maximum of \$150. The Special Highway budget for 2006 allocates \$50,000 toward this reimbursement effort.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Sidewalk Replacement Program be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

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

12. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Schwaller requested staff review attendance at the various advisory committee meetings.

City Manager Gustafson informed him that this is being done.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk