

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON APRIL 26, 1995

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays met in regular session, at City Hall, Thursday, April 26, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

Mayor Leikam declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

2. MINUTES: Errol Wuertz moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the minutes of the April 13, 1995, regular session, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Jayne Clarke moved, Daniel Rupp seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of March 1995, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: Commissioner Rupp asked City Manager Hannes Zacharias about the sale of two old irrigation systems on the R-9 Ranch. Mr. Zacharias stated that BET Farms desired to replace these two systems with their own equipment. The City decided to sell them rather than let them

ADA Advisory Committee

Tom Robinson 3 year term
Dennis Ford 3 year term
Dr. Joann Mace 2 year term
Eddie Tejada 2 year term
I.B. Dent 1 year term

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
 Daniel Rupp
 Eber Phelps
 Jayne Clarke
 Errol Wuertz

7. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT: Manager Zacharias reviewed the revised Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, pointing out several changes recently made.

Errol Wuertz moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the amended version of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing a job creation trust fund from a one-half cent, five year, county-wide retailer's sales tax, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
 Daniel Rupp
 Eber Phelps
 Jayne Clarke
 Errol Wuertz

8. YARD WASTE TAG PROGRAM: Elden Hammerschmidt, Assistant Public Works Director, and Manager Zacharias reported on the details of the Yard Waste Tag Program.

Commissioner Rupp expressed his frustration with the City having to send lawn waste to Rolling Hills near Topeka. He feels this is a terrible waste of time and money.

Mr. Hammerschmidt reported that he is continuing to work with the County to develop other options, specifically a compost program.

Commissioner Rupp asked whether the additional revenue generated through the purchase of the Yard Waste Tags would lower the monthly sanitation charge. Manager Zacharias stated

that at this time he would not be able to guarantee a reduction in rates. After we have some historical data to study, it is hopeful that the rate could be reduced.

Daniel Rupp moved, Errol Wuertz seconded, that the Yard Waste Tag Program be established, effective July 10, 1995.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

9. 41ST STREET PLAZA FIRST ADDITION IMPROVEMENTS: The following bids were received for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements to 41st Street Plaza First Addition:

Allied, Inc.	\$170,366.78
Hays, KS	
Wes-Kan Construction	\$193,421.00
Hays, KS	
Stevens Contractors	\$195,019.20
Hays, KS	

Eber Phelps moved, Daniel Rupp seconded, that the low bid from Allied, Inc., for \$170,366.78, be accepted.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

The following bids were received for the Street Improvements to 41st Street Plaza First Addition:

Wes-Kan Construction	\$146,837.93
Hays, KS	
Allied, Inc.	\$167,136.60
Hays, KS	

Eber Phelps moved, Dan Rupp seconded, that the low bid from Wes-Kan Construction, for \$146,837.93, be accepted.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

10. WILD WEST FEST: Jerry Haley and Tom Meiers, representing the Wild West Fest Committee, appeared before the Commission requesting an exclusion to current noise ordinances during the July festival. They explained to the Commission how they plan to minimize crowd control and noise problems during the festival. The Committee is also requesting that Main Street be blocked off from 4th Street south to the Big Creek dike.

Errol Wuertz moved, Sharon Leikam seconded, that a noise variance be granted to the Wild West Fest for June 30, 1995 through July 4, 1995, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 PM, and further, that Main Street from 4th Street south to the Big Creek dike be closed off during the duration of the festival.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Daniel Rupp
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz

11. BUILDING INSPECTION ACTIVITIES FOR ELLIS: Manager Zacharias reported on a request from the City of Ellis to provide limited building inspection services. The City of Ellis does not have a qualified building inspector or need a full-time building inspector. Due to the increased building activity going on in Ellis, they have approached the City of Hays requesting that our Building Inspection Department provide limited inspections. The City of Ellis is willing to pay all of the expenses associated with this joint project. Mr. Zacharias stressed that the City of Hays needs will come first, be he felt that our Inspection Department could handle these inspections.

Eber Phelps stated that he felt this was a good opportunity to work with our neighbors on a regional basis.

Manager Zacharias will have more details to share with the Commission at the next regular meeting.

12. ADD-ON ITEMS: Errol Wuertz thanked Clare Gustin and the Leadership Hays participants for their work on the All American City application.

Commissioner Rupp expressed his frustration with Union Pacific in repairing the Elm Street crossing. He stated that he would not vote for any improvements to crossings in the next year until they repair the Elm Street crossing. He feels the City has done their fair share and Union Pacific has an obligation to the City to do their fair share.

Mr. Zacharias pointed out to the Commission the plaque honoring two firefighters who died in the line of duty in 1919. This plaque was presented during the 107th Annual Conference of Fire Fighters being held in Hays this week. The plaque will be hung on the outside of the Fire Station.

The City Manager informed the Commission that subsidy funding from the Essential Air Services Program for Mesa Air, which services our airport, will probably cease this October. Mr. Zacharias felt that City officials should visit Mesa Air to ascertain their level of support for this community if funding does stop.

Mr. Zacharias updated the Commission on legislative activities that concern the City of Hays. The current issue of the property tax lid is being widely discussed and debated. Mr. Zacharias will keep the Commission posted on this matter.

The City Manager also wanted to reassure the public that the quality of our water is very good and is not affected by the PCE contamination along Vine Street. City Well No. 20, which is contaminated, has not been used for several years. Our water is monitored hourly, and meets all state and federal requirements.

Mr. Zacharias reported that he had recently visited with the Union Pacific Railroad executives regarding the Downtown

Greenspace Project. Wayne Billinger, director of the Business Improvement District, displayed several sketches of the improvements to be made along the railway corridor. He indicated that the BID favored installing the medians in order to retain the height of the trees. Costs associated with the installation of the median will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Mayor Leikam read a statement expressing her feelings regarding the recent editorials in the Hays Daily News concerning the pending location in our community of the Luscombe Aircraft Co. She disagrees with several statements made in the editorials. She feels the Hays Daily News should have allowed Luscombe more time to complete their prospectus and solicit funds before printing any negative stories.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted by _____

Clerk of the Board