

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JULY 27, 1995

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays met in regular session, at City Hall, Thursday, July 27, 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: Eber Phelps moved, Daniel Rupp seconded, that the minutes of the July 13, 1995, regular session, be approved.

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

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

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

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Marilyn Smith and Doris Graf, representing the Fort Hays Ladies Golf Association, appeared before the Commission. They thanked all the members of the community who have donated time and money for the development of the back nine holes of the golf course. They presented a check for \$1,677.41 to the Commission for the purchase of golf ball washers.

5. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: Commissioner Phelps asked City Manager Zacharias to comment on the correspondence from Representative Pat Roberts regarding House Bills 1555 and 1528. Mr. Zacharias stated these two bills are working their way through Congress, and deal with federal legislation concerning regulatory procedures involving cable TV and telephone service. The bills would eliminate the City's ability to collect franchise fees. The City responded to this communication stating this would cause a shortfall of approximately \$125,000 revenue in the General Fund.

Elden Hammerschmidt, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the procedures for picking up trash from L & R Recycling that is not recyclable. The agreement with L & R requires the City to pickup these items and haul them to the transfer station for disposal. City Manager Zacharias also stated the waste going to the landfill has been reduced by approximately 64 percent. Much of this is attributable to yard waste not being picked up by City crews.

6. CONSENT ITEMS: Errol Wuertz moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the following committee appointments be approved:

Beautification Committee 3 year term expiring August 1, 1998

Ann Furman

Carol Eddy

Nancy Baumrucker

Recreation Commission 4 year term expiring August 1, 1999

Annette Hammeke

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam

Daniel Rupp

Eber Phelps

Jayne Clarke

Errol Wuertz

7. SISTER CITY REPORT: Marianna Beach and Francis Schippers, representing the Sister City Committee, appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Beach reviewed the history of our relationship with our Sister City, Santa Maria, Paraguay. She then presented a banner from Santa Maria to the City of Hays, along with a

letter expressing their gratitude and esteem.

Mrs. Beach asked that a picture showing the presentation of the banner to the Mayor, along with a letter of gratitude be sent to the City of Santa Maria officials.

8. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT: Rick Claiborn, Hays Recreation Commission director, was present to address questions concerning a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hays and the Hays Recreation Commission.

City Manager Zacharias said the proposed Agreement sets the foundation whereby improvements to Dusty Glassman Baseball Complex, Speier Ballfield, and Frank Stramel Softball Complex can be financed.

City Manager Zacharias said in this arrangement, the City would finance the improvements through a Lease Purchase Agreement. All of the payments, including administration and legal fees, would be paid by the Recreation Commission to the City of Hays who, in turn, pay the lease holder. This arrangement would last as long as there are outstanding lease payments.

Errol Wuertz moved, Daniel Rupp seconded, that Resolution No. 179, being a resolution authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Hays and the Hays Recreation Agreement, be approved.

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

9. 1994 AUDIT: Ken Beran, auditor for Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball, was present and presented the 1994 Audit Report to the Commission. Mr. Beran reviewed several financial statements. He said the City received no budget violations, and no material weaknesses were found. The management letter contains several suggestions to help improve accountability and the process of recording transactions, many of which have already been implemented by City staff.

Mr. Beran noted that there were a couple of instances in which the City did not comply with the guidelines for Community Development Block Grants.

Mr. Beran noted that the General Fund received \$542,000 more in revenue than was anticipated. This additional revenue will help to keep the mill levy for the General Fund from increasing in 1996. He stated that approximately 41 percent of the revenue received in 1994 for all governmental funds was derived from property tax, and 23 percent was derived from sales tax. Approximately 76 percent of the revenue received is spent on general government operations.

Jayne Clarke moved, Eber Phelps seconded, the the 1994 Audit Report, be accepted.

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

10. SRF LOAN ADDENDUM: City Manager Zacharias reviewed information regarding the second addendum to the State Revolving Loan Agreement with the State of Kansas for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project is virtually complete. Therefore, actual construction costs can be figured into the loan amortization schedule. The total loan commitment is \$5,516,363.82, which will reduce the annual payments from approximately \$444,000 to \$400,000. Adopting this second addendum eliminates the need to file an annual disclosure statement with the State, due to the size of the loan being less than \$6,000,000. A retainage of \$50,000 is being held to cover the cost of several punch list items. These remaining costs will be paid out of the Water and Sewer Fund reserves.

Daniel Rupp moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the second addendum to the SRF Loan Agreement.

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

11. UNION NEGOTIATIONS: City Manager Zacharias reviewed the results of this years negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police and the Firefighters Union. Major items covered include:

1. Maintenance of the City's current pay plan
2. Provision for 1 1/2 percent cost-of-living increase
3. Increase funding of the health insurance pool from \$500,000 to \$563,000
4. Modifications to the current contract dealing with illness in family.

Mr. Zacharias noted that the Letters of Understanding between the City of Hays and the unions are contingent upon approval of the 1996 Budget and an appropriate contract addendum by the City Commission.

12. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: A request for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of 41st and Hall Streets has been discussed by the Traffic Advisory Committee. The TAC recommends that when the blinking light at the intersection of Highway 183 Alternate and Main Street is removed by KDOT, it be installed at this intersection. They also recommended that signs be posted to indicate a two-way stop at that intersection. The Committee decided not to install a four-way stop based on the number of accidents at that intersection, and the guidelines for a four-way stop set in the Uniform Traffic Control Manual.

Commissioner Rupp stated he felt the City should make this a four-way stop. Mr. Rupp feels there will be increased traffic in that area due to residential and commercial development, and the City should be pro-active, not reactive after a major accident happens at that intersection.

Lee Gross, who lives in the neighborhood of 41st and Hall Streets, addressed the Commission. He stated that he has witnessed many people running the stop sign. He feels the

problem is two-fold. People cannot see the stop signs and many people traveling north or south on Hall are often speeding. He further stated that anything the City could do to make people more aware of the dangerous intersection would be helpful.

Errol Wuertz moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the recommendations of the Traffic Advisory Committee, be accepted and implemented as quickly as possible.

Vote: Ayes: Sharon Leikam
Eber Phelps
Jayne Clarke
Errol Wuertz
No: Daniel Rupp

13. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICES: City Manager Zacharias reported on his recent meeting with Mike Lewis, President of the Western Division of Mesa Air Group. Mr. Lewis stated he would be working with company officials to develop an alternative plan should Essential Air Service funding be severely diminished. If funding from the federal government is reduced by 50 percent, cities participating in the program may be required to match all appropriations, which could cost the City of Hays \$175,000. Mr. Zacharias stated communications with Mr. Lewis and Air Midwest out of Wichita would be continued over the next 90 days. Additionally, he will be communicating with our congressional representatives concerning the Essential Air Service.

14. ADD-ON ITEMS: Commissioner Wuertz encouraged property owners along Vine Street and Fort Street to mow their weeds. He stated that since the City of Hays is spending quite a bit of money to beautify those areas, he feels the property owners in those areas should do their share to keep Hays clean and neat.

Commissioner Clarke encouraged people to contact Ellis County Commissioners requesting the County to speed up the process of starting a community wide compost site.

Commissioner Rupp encouraged people walking and jogging in the streets to be cautious. He advises that they walk on the sidewalks and not wear headphones.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted

by: _____

Clerk of the Board