

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MAY 9, 1996

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session Thursday, May 9, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Sharon Leikam

2. MINUTES: Jayne Clarke moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the minutes of the April 25, 1996, regular session, be approved.

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

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Dr. Jay Gillette, Fort Hays State University instructor, said he led a seminar this semester as part of the Graduate and Undergraduate Program called "Community Challenges and Information Networking". The class took as a case study the Information City Concept with particular emphasis on telemedicine. He noted that Hays, Kansas is a nationwide leader in telemedicine through the efforts of Hays Medical Center personnel. He presented the Commissioners copies of "Case Study: Hays, U.S.A., Information City" prepared by graduate students, David Gray, Linda Langston, Rita Molars, and Errol Wuertz, and also copies of "Information City: Theory and Practice" which was edited by undergraduate students, Travis Bouker, Jarod Bartlett and Brice Kennedy.

4. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS: Errol Wuertz moved, Eber Phelps seconded, that the Mayor's appointments to the following committees be approved, as follows:

Airport Committee - 3 year term expiring 4-30-99

Maurice Witten

Dean Rohleder

Planning Commission - 3 year term expiring 4-30-99

Jolene Niernberger

Bob Schibi

Lawrence Gould

ADA Committee - 3 year term expiring 5-1-99

I. B. Dent

Library Board - 4 year term expiring 4-30-00

I. B. Dent

John Ratzlaff

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

6. WILD WEST FESTIVAL 1996: Tom Meiers and Jerry Haley, representing the Wild West Fest Committee were present, and made several requests in regard to the Wild West Fest to be held in the City park and the adjacent area July 3 thru July 7, 1996.

Eber Phelps moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that a Lease Agreement between the City of Hays and Wild West Fest, Inc. for the use of the City Park for Wild West Fest activities be approved, and Wild West Fest, Inc. be exempt from an existing noise ordinance from July 3 thru July 7, 1996, and Main Street be closed from 4th Street to Elm Street, and also West 3rd Street be closed from Fort to Main during the Wild West Fest.

Discussion took place regarding the closing of the streets. Commissioner Wuertz said he understood that if harvest is in session, the wheat trucks enroute to the elevators would be

directed to Ash Street instead of using Main Street. He asked if parking could be eliminated on Ash Street to allow more room for the wheat trucks. Officer Meiers said he thought that could be accommodated, and he will discuss the issue with the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mr. Haley noted the carnival will be located in the grassy area south of the Armory. However, 3rd Street will be an alternative site for the carnival in case of heavy rain.

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

7. BID BUDGET REQUEST: Stephanie Schumacher and Kurt David, representing the Greater Downtown Business Improvement District, were present, and requested a \$10,000 allocation from the City's 1997 Budget.

Mr. David presented the BID's 1997 Budget for review. He pointed out that in 1996 administrative costs were reduced by 35 percent, and supply costs were reduced by 38 percent. As a result, the funding request from the City was reduced to \$10,000. The BID Board is proud to have been able to maintain those cost cuts in 1997.

Mr. David said the BID has been awarded grant funds totaling \$22,500 through the Kansas Main Street Organization. The grant funds are to be used for acquisition or rehabilitation of properties in the designated downtown area, or the funds can be used for projects leading directly to job creation/retention in the designated downtown area.

Mayor Rupp told the BID representatives their budget request will be considered during the budget preparation.

8. AERATOR REPAIRS: City Manager Zacharias reported that the engineer's estimate for repairs to the aerator have been revised upward based upon more current information. The previous estimate was \$120,826.00 and the revised estimate is \$162,630.00. With summer upon us, it is imperative that we proceed with the repairs.

Bids for the aerator repairs were received as follows:

	Carrothers Const.	CAS Const.	Utility Contractors
Base Bid	\$59,100	\$60,000	\$67,607
Alternate A	\$14,600	\$13,400	\$11,000
Alternate B	\$24,700	\$18,800	\$28,000

Engineer's Estimate

Base Bid	\$61,000
Alternate A	\$12,500
Alternate B	\$13,331

City Manager Zacharias said City staff is recommending that the base bid and Alternate A, be approved.

Eber Phelps moved, Errol Wuertz seconded, the the base bid and Alternate A for a total of \$73,400 be awarded to CAS Construction for emergency repairs to the aerator at the Water Treatment Plant, be approved.

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

9. ALL AMERICAN CITY AWARD: Carroll Waggoner, representing Leadership Hays Alumni was present to report on the activities and scheduling for the All American City Award Contest. Hays is one of 30 finalists for the award. Out of the 30 finalists, 10 cities will receive the award. Final competition will take place in Fort Worth, Texas on June 13-15, 1996.

Mr. Waggoner said at this point, only 25 percent of the work is done. Final competition is like a stage play; it needs to have a script, and the actors need to be chosen. We will have five minutes to set up the production, and ten minutes to present it. The focus of the production will be the items listed in the application: water conservation, recycling and doctor recruitment. However, we have the latitude to introduce

new projects.

Mr. Waggoner extended an open invitation to all Hays residents to become involved in the delegation, booth preparation, or fund raising.

City Manager commended Mr. Waggoner for the hard work and dedication he has put into this project.

10. WATER USE: City Manager Zacharias presented graphs illustrating water consumption. He said there is nothing to be alarmed about concerning water availability. He noted that as time goes on, we have a tendency to become lax with water usage. He urged residents to continue conservation efforts.

11. CANADIAN "SNOWBIRDS" VIDEO: Airport Manager Joe Englert showed a videotape of the Canadian Air Force team "Snowbirds", who will give a presentation in Hays on October 9, 1996. The "Snowbirds" consists of nine jets that fly in formation and perform stunts.

City Manager said we are fortunate to have the "Snowbirds" come to Hays; they typically perform in larger cities.

12. ADD-ON ITEMS: City Attorney John Bird said Casey's General Store would like to open a store in Hays. The lot they chose is located on 27th Street. The City has two storm culverts on the property for which the City has a permanent easement. City staff have determined that there are no undue safety hazards by the Store occupying the City's easement. An agreement has been prepared between the City and Casey's General Store which makes Casey's General Store financially responsible for all costs should the City need access to the culverts.

Eber Phelps moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an Easement Agreement and an Agreement concerning crossover, between the City of Hays and Casey's General Store.

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

City Manager Zacharias recommended the grate to prevent

people from being swept into the tunnel located at 20th and Lincoln Draw be removed. He showed pictures of the grate clogged with debris after a recent hard rain. He said it was a good experiment, but the City faces a greater liability by clogging the waterway. If there are no objections, the grate will be removed and appropriate signage will be posted. There were no objections from the Commission.

City Manager Zacharias said the City has been informed of a potential environmental impact as a result of a possible merger of Union Pacific Railroad and Southern Pacific Railroad. Assistant City Manager Linton Bartlett said if the merger goes through, the number of trains coming through Hays will increase from 2.2 trains per day to 8.2 trains per day. From the research he read, he determined that there would not be any significant impact on the environment. Obviously, there will be more noise from the trains along with additional blocked crossings.

Mr. Bartlett said a final decision has not been made regarding the merger, and he did not think a decision would be made until later on this year.

City Manager Zacharias said the City is looking for volunteers for the Community Policing Project. He asked each Commissioner to submit five nominees for consideration.

Commissioner Clarke said she is presently an ex officio member of the Hays Strategic Plan Implementation Committee and a ex officio member of the Water Board. She said these meetings along with the City Commission meeting are taking all her available time. She asked if another Commissioner would be willing to fill her position as an ex officio member on the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee. No one volunteered. City Manager Zacharias said he would ask Commissioner Leikam if she was interested in serving on the Implementation Committee.

Commissioner Phelps questioned the drilling unit located at 17th and Vine. City Manager Zacharias said the drilling unit is relative to the contamination. A new method is being used to extract the contamination. Tests are being conducted to determine the best drilling site.

Thereupon the Governing adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk of the Board