

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 1998

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session, Thursday, December 10, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

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

2. MINUTES: Howard Rome moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the minutes of the regular session held on November 24, 1998, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS: The Mayor's recommended appointments to various committees were delayed until the next meeting.

6. WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: City Manager Zacharias said the Commission approved a change in length of time a water violation remains on a customer's record to two years instead of being cumulative and not affected by passage of time or conclusion of the calendar year. An ordinance codifying that change was presented.

Sharon Leikam moved, Howard Rome seconded, that Ordinance No. 3459 amending Section 28-34 of Article II, Chapter 28, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hays, Kansas, as amended by Ordinance No. 3079, as passed on June 13, 1985, as amended by Ordinance No. 3188, as passed on March 23, 1989, as amended by Ordinance No. 3193, as passed on June 8, 1989, as amended by Ordinance No. 3253, as passed on March 26, 1992; and as amended by Ordinance No. 3260, as passed on June 11, 1992; establishing penalties for violation of certain sections of the Water Conservation Ordinance, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

7. 8th STREET OVERLAY ENGINEERING: Mayor Billinger gave a presentation outlining his options and public sentiments regarding the repair of 8th Street. He said he received varied comments from the public; some felt brick should be replaced for historic reasons. Others considered a smooth ride to be more important than clinging to a nostalgic appearance.

The Mayor gave seven options for the repair of 8th Street as follows:

1. Asphalt overlay, leaving one block either side of Main brick
2. Concrete, leaving a block either side of Main brick
3. Concrete, with brick crosswalks
4. Concrete, brick crosswalks, leaving one block either side of Main brick
5. Rebrick entire project using existing concrete base
6. Rebrick entire project with new concrete base
7. Rebrick entire project with a cost share approach, and apply for T-2000 funding

Option one would be the least expensive at an estimated cost of \$128,000, and Option six would be the most expensive at an estimate cost of over \$1,000,000.

T-2000 funding would have to be explored further. There are various methods of funding and varied local match requirements. It would probably be two years before T2000 funds could be obtained. In the interim, the big problem areas of 8th Street could be repaired.

Commissioner Hickman said the citizen comments he has received have been overwhelmingly in support of overlaying the bricks. The few that were not in support of brick felt it should be done in concrete.

Commissioner Clarke said most of the citizens who commented to her recognize that 8th Street is basically a very major corridor, and preserving the historical significance of brick is less of a priority. Most citizens felt overlay was a sensible solution and she is inclined to agree.

Commissioner Leikam said she has heard just the opposite; the people she has polled truly believe in the historical aspect, and do not want the bricks removed. She felt the citizens are confused, they think we have a choice between brick at a cost of \$1.4 million, or do the overlay at a cost of \$128,000. She does not feel there is a choice because the City does not have \$1.4 million. She will probably vote against the overlay because of the wishes of the people she polled. She feels the major problem areas can be fixed and leave the bricks.

Commissioner Rome said most of the people that contacted him prefer to have the street remain brick. He has visited with local asphalt contractors, and they believe that unless there is very good base repair, the asphalt will not adhere. He feels the asphalt overlay would be a short fix. He would rather apply the \$128,000 to slurry seal other streets. He will vote against overlay also.

Mayor Billinger said he would favor fixing the crucial areas of 8th Street now and apply for T-2000 funding.

City Manager Zacharias said the T-2000 funding can be discussed further, but he recommended that the T-2000 funds be used for projects that are not bondable.

Since it appeared there was not enough support to overlay 8th Street, the Commission asked City staff to further research options for 8th Street, and give a presentation at a future meeting.

8. WATER PLANT ELEVATOR ENGINEERING: Bids were opened on November 24, 1998, for engineering services for replacement of the elevator at the Water Treatment Plant. The result of the bid opening is as follows:

Vendor	Passenger	Freight
Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Hays, Kansas	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
Woods & Starr Hays, Kansas	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00

City Manager Zacharias noted that funds were included in the 1999 Capital Outlay Budget to replace the elevator. There are sufficient funds remaining in the 1998 Budget to cover the engineering costs.

Sharon Leikam moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that an Engineering Agreement totaling \$10,000, with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff for engineering services associated with the installation of a new freight elevator at the Hays Water Softening Plant, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

9. ANNEXATION AGREEMENT: Community Development Coordinator Kent Laas presented an Annexation Agreement for consideration. The Agreement would allow Stanley Weilert to connect one residential dwelling to the City's sanitary sewer. The property in question is in the Gatschet Addition located on Highway 183 By-pass. It consists of one building which lies between two lots whose improvements are already connected to the City's sanitary sewer by virtue of an identical agreement as that being proposed for Mr. Weilert.

The City Manager noted that the Agreement contains a provision that states the property owner cannot protest future special assessments on the property.

Howard Rome moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement for sanitary sewer services and annexation of Lot 2, Gatschet Addition, Ellis County, Kansas.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

10. LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT: Lieutenant James Purdy informed the Commission that the Hays Police Department has been awarded a Law Enforcement Block Grant. The total amount of the Grant (including matching funds) is \$9,011.95 of which \$8,110.76 are federal funds. The Grant funds will be used to buy three laptop computers to be used by the Police Department's detectives, a scanner, a color printer and a new digital camera.

Jayne Clarke moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement to receive \$8,110.76 in Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Howard Rome
Sharon Leikam
Jayne Clarke

11. WATER CONSUMPTION GRAPHS: City Manager Zacharias reviewed graphs illustrating water consumption patterns since 1990. He said water consumption has increased in the past few years, but overall consumption is still lower than the 1990 and 1991 levels. He noted that total consumption for 1998 is expected to be approximately 2400 acre feet, which is below the self imposed benchmark of 2600 acre feet.

12. COMMUNITY CHEST: City Manager Zacharias reviewed a memo of ideas and criteria generated from the November 19, 1998 study session regarding the proposed “community chest”. The memo cited various problems and issues of the past method of funding, a general program outline, funding criteria and funding breakdown and funding limitations and a listing of organizations and activities currently receiving City funds that would be required to apply for community chest dollars.

The Commission supported the proposed community chest criteria and method of funding. It was suggested that the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development and DSNWK be deleted from the list of agencies applying for funding. These agencies will continue to be funded separately.

The Commission scheduled another work session for Thursday, January 7, 1999, to further review and finalize the community chest policy.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Manager announced that it was not necessary to hold an executive session.

14. ADD-ON ITEMS: The City Manager presented a Resolution finalizing the method of payment of construction costs associated with the renovation of the Hays Recreation Center located at 1105 Canterbury Road as outlined in the base lease agreement between the City of Hays and Golden Belt Bank, Hays, Kansas.

Sharon Leikam moved, Howard Rome seconded, that Resolution No. 300 authorizing the Hays Recreation Commission to act on behalf of the City of Hays, Kansas, in the construction of Hays Recreation Center in the City, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Howard Rome

Sharon Leikam

Jayne Clarke

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk of the Board