

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session, Thursday, September 24, 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, Sharon Leikam seconded, that the minutes of the regular session held on September 10, 1998, be approved.

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

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** City Manager Hannes Zacharias pointed out that sales tax and franchise fees revenue is higher than what they were last year at this time, with the other revenue funds remaining consistent to last years' revenue.

Jayne Clarke moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of August 1998, be approved.

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

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

**5. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM:** City Manager Zacharias reminded the Commission of the Kansas Municipal League Conference scheduled for October 4 – 6, 1998.

Jayne Clarke commended Yuasa, Inc. for receiving the OSHA Award. Yuasa is the first company in Kansas and the first battery company in America to receive the Voluntary Protection Program Merit Award.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS:** Troy Hickman moved, Sharon Leikam seconded, that the following consent items be approved:

- A. The Mayor be authorized to sign a lease with the Ellis County Oktoberfest Committee for East Frontier Park from October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 11, 1998.
- B. A retail cereal malt beverage license be issued to the Volga German Society for Oktoberfest.
- C. The Mayor's recommendation to appoint Marie Shields to the Northwest Community Corrections Advisory Board, to expire October 26, 1999.

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

**7. SCHOOL MODERNIZATION RESOLUTION:** Kathy Hertel, Co-President, Hays National Education Association, addressed the City Commission regarding the adoption of a resolution on public school modernization. The Hays National Education Association has introduced a resolution and requested the City of

Hays join the Hays NEA and the local Board of Education in adopting this resolution.

Troy Hickman moved, Howard Rome seconded, that Resolution No. 295, being a resolution urging Congress to approve the Public School Modernization Act, be approved; and further that letters be submitted to the western Kansas Congressional Delegation, urging their support of this resolution.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Howard Rome

Sharon Leikam

Jayne Clarke

**8. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT PRESENTATION:** Linda Hunsicker, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, spoke to the Commission about the 1998 Downtown Revitalization Grant guidelines. There are several prerequisites for receiving a grant. This grant is for long-term commitment and is not to be considered a quick fix. One of the prerequisites is that there be a downtown organization, with a manager in place. Additionally, there must be a downtown plan with architectural design guidelines.

**9. STORMWATER MASTER PLAN PROPOSALS:** Four proposals were received to perform a Stormwater Master Plan Study for the City of Hays. Staff is recommending the Commission accept the selection of Burns & McDonnell, for Phase I for a total cost of \$153,041 for the Master Plan. Phase II (optional) would be the development of a storm water utility totaling \$70,214. Staff would like to negotiate an extension option for the second phase, either accepting the Burns & McDonnell bid or doing another bid proposal selection. Bond counsel advises that Water & Sewer funds be used for these activities. The 1998 Budget contains an allocation of \$200,000 to fund the Storm Water Study.

Public Works Director Elden Hammerschmidt pointed out this will ultimately lead to a new tax that would be used to generate funds to find solutions for stormwater problems.

Commissioner Clarke stated the City has two choices, to do nothing, or look at a Master Plan and address at least a portion of what we can do.

City Manager Zacharias stated the Commission will be asked to consider a stormwater ordinance in the near future. In the absence of having a plan, new developments will be required to have on-site detention as a short-term measure.

Jayne Clarke moved, Howard Rome seconded, that the recommendation from City staff to negotiate a contract with Burns & McDonnell to perform a Stormwater Master Plan Study for the City of Hays, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Troy Hickman

Howard Rome

Sharon Leikam

Jayne Clarke

**10. TALLGRASS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** Kent Laas, Community Development Coordinator, informed the Commission that a new petition and resolution for the paving portion of Tallgrass Addition is necessary because the bid price for the paving portion of the project exceeded the original cost estimates within the original documents. The original estimate was \$212,000, with the amended amount being \$255,000.

Sharon Leikam moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the City of Hays accept the revised petition for proposed improvements to Tallgrass Addition, and further that Resolution No. 294, being a resolution amending Resolution No. 254 of the City of Hays, Kansas, that determined the advisability of the making of certain internal improvements in the City of Hays, Kansas, making certain findings with respect thereto; and authorized and provided for the making of the improvements in accordance with such findings (water, sewer, storm sewer, street improvements/Tallgrass Addition), be approved.

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

**11. AIRPORT PARKING ENGINEERING CONTRACT:** Howard Rome moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff to provide design and construction engineering for additional parking at the Hays Municipal Airport, at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.

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

**12. FAA INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM GRANT CONTRACT:** Troy Hickman moved, Jayne Clarke seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to accept a grant and install a complete Instrumental Landing system at the Hays Municipal Airport.

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

**13. ADD-ON ITEMS:** Commissioner Leikam stated she would like to see more weekend flights leaving Hays Municipal Airport. It is very hard to book a flight over the weekend because the flights are full. City Manager Zacharias stated he did not feel United Express and USAir Express would be adding additional flights. The environment is very competitive; however, the City can document the market and try to convince Great Lakes and Air Midwest that there is an expanding market here.

Commissioner Rome suggested the City consider new signage for the airport along Commerce Parkway and also possibly identifying the Hays Municipal Airport as a regional airport.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Board