

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2002

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Henry Schwaller IV  
Larry Schmidt  
Troy Hickman  
Sunell Koerner  
Dick Bedard

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

**2. MINUTES:** Larry Schmidt moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 28, 2002, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV  
Larry Schmidt  
Troy Hickman  
Sunell Koerner  
Dick Bedard

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

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:** There were no consent items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. 2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**APPOINTMENT:** Kurt Hassler, Director of Engineering, stated the purpose of this committee is to make a recommendation for selection of a design engineer for major capital improvement projects that are scheduled in 2003. Mr. Hassler hopes to have a recommendation for the 2003 CIP Engineer by late summer or

early fall. This will allow for design to begin this fall for 2003 projects, so they can be constructed during the optimal time of year.

The past two committees have consisted of the following people and they have agreed to serve on this committee again:

- Kurt Hassler
- Elden Hammerschmidt
- Errol Wuertz
- Tom Griffin
- Doug Huston

Troy Hickman moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that Kurt Hassler, Elden Hammerschmidt, Errol Wuertz, Tom Griffin, and Doug Huston be appointed to a committee for selection and recommendation to the City Commission for a consulting engineer for the 2003 Capital Improvement Projects.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Larry Schmidt

Troy Hickman

Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Dick Bedard moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that the Governing Body adjourn to executive session at 7:35 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss union negotiations. The executive session will include the City Commission, the City Manger, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney.

Vote: Ayes: Henry Schwaller IV

Larry Schmidt

Troy Hickman

Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Mayor Schwaller called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

**7. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM:** Commissioner Schmidt stated that recent information received from Public Wholesale Water Supply

District #15 indicates that any water obtained from the South Russell Water Project will cost between \$12,000 to \$53,000 per acre-foot. The Corp of Engineers priced the water from Wilson Lake at about \$4,300 per acre-foot. The yield is going down and the price is going up. He stated taxpayers need to pay attention these costs.

**8. ADD-ON ITEMS:** Commissioner Koerner questioned what the City's position is on abandoned buildings in Hays. She made reference to the old grain elevator located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street.

City Attorney John Bird stated the City has regulatory control over buildings in our city. The grain elevator is located on railroad property. There are some pre-emption issues dealing with railroad property.

Mayor Schwaller requested that staff be aggressive with resolving the nuisance problem and enforce ordinances on any building on railroad right-of-way and downtown Hays.

City Manager Randy Gustafson stated the process for abating dangerous buildings under the Uniform Building Code is a lengthy process because of the property rights.

Mayor Schwaller stated it has been brought to his attention that there is the possibility of abuse of season passes at the Hays Aquatic Park. He requested staff work with the Hays Recreation Commission to make sure the facility is managed in the best way.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

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

Clerk of the Board