

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

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

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

Vice-Mayor Sunell Koerner declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**2. MINUTES:** Dick Bedard moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 24, 2002 be approved.

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

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

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:** A. Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that the following mayoral appointments be approved:

Hays Beautification Committee:

Linda Ganstrom – unexpired term expiring 8-1-04  
Faye Park – a 3-year term expiring 8-1-05  
Leslie Kruse – re-appointed to a 3-year term expiring 8-1-05

Hays-Ellis County Board of Zoning Appeals:

Robert Rook – unexpired term expiring 5-1-03

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee:

Bill Bieker – unexpired term expiring 7-1-03

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**5. HAYS AQUATIC PARK SEASON REPORT:** Rick Claiborn, Hays Recreation Commission Director, presented the annual report concerning pool operations for the 2002 summer season.

In order to reduce the amount of money reimbursed by the City to the Hays Recreation Commission (HRC), the 2002 swim season was shortened and the admission fees were slightly increased. These changes resulted in the cost to the City for the 2002 season to be \$32,514.50 compared to \$71,745.16 for the 2001 season. The average attendance for 2002 was 133 people per day lower than during the first summer of operation and 45 people per day lower than last year. HRC made reductions in staff as well as other expenses and will evaluate their ability to cut costs for the 2003 season.

Commissioner Schwaller expressed concern about how the pool is operated. The community expected this pool to make money; the pool has lost approximately \$135,000 over the last three years and this can't go on. He encouraged HRC to undertake a management audit and find the best practices to operate a water park.

Mr. Claiborn understood Commissioner Schwaller's concern, however, attendance has been down since the first season, and it has been necessary to raise lifeguard salaries in order to retain them.

Commissioner Schwaller requested he be provided with the utility bills for the Aquatic Park.

City Manager Randy Gustafson requested Mr. Claiborn do a spreadsheet comparing revenue and expenses with other like water parks and report back after the first of the year.

Commissioner Bedard stated he didn't feel the prices could be increased in order to increase the revenue. Mr. Claiborn agreed with him.

Dick Bedard moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that the City of Hays reimburse Hays Recreation Commission \$32,514.50 for the 2002 pool season loss according to contract.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

No: Henry Schwaller IV

**6. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR MASSEY, AUBEL-BICKLE OPTIMIST, AND PRATT OPTIMIST SOCCER COMPLEX:**

Due to the low bids received for the installation of sidewalks at Aubel-Bickle Park, approximately \$172,000 is available for other park improvements. The revised park improvement budget set aside \$80,000 for purchasing playground units for Aubel-Bickle and Massey Parks.

Jeff Boyle, Park Director, stated six bids were received and reviewed. He recommended that the following bids for equipment and labor be accepted:

Massey Park	Children's Specialties, Broken Arrow, OK	\$25,700
Aubel-Bickle Park	Frye & Associates, N. Kansas City, KS	27,745

Mr. Boyle stated it would cost an additional \$16,000 to install sidewalks around each unit and install fall-zone materials, which would bring the total cost of the two projects to \$69,445, leaving \$10,555 available for other projects.

The Optimist Club has decided to install a new playground unit at Pratt-Optimist Soccer Complex. Mr. Boyle recommended that playground equipment be purchased from Riggs Recreation, Leawood, KS at cost of \$22,830 for

equipment and labor, with an additional cost of \$8,000 for sidewalks and fall-zone materials, bringing the cost of that project to \$30,830.

The Optimist Club is willing to pay \$13,000 and would like to utilize \$10,000 from the Special Parks and Recreation matching funds, plus \$7,830 of the funds left over from the Aubel-Bickle and Massey Park playground equipment purchase.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that the following bids be accepted:

Massey Park	Children's Specialities	\$25,700
Aubel-Bickle Park	Frye & Associates	27,745
Pratt-Optimist Soccer Complex	Rigg's Recreation	22,830

And that concrete sidewalks and fall-zone materials be installed at a cost of \$24,000, with \$13,000 being donated by the Optimist Club for the Pratt-Optimist Soccer Complex project.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Henry Schwaller IV

**7. CONTRACT ADDITIONS TO THE AUBEL-BICKLE OPTIMIST AND MASSEY PARKS: A. & B.**

Due to lower than expected bids on the Aubel-Bickle Optimist Park sidewalk project, Park Director Jeff Boyle recommended the parking lot in Aubel-Bickle be paved and sidewalks installed in the interior of Massey Park. It would cost \$49,568 to pave the parking lot and \$6,930 to install sidewalks at Massey bringing the costs of both projects to \$56,498. The revised Park and Recreation budget set aside \$57,000 for these two projects.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he would rather use asphalt millings or clay screenings and gravel for the parking lot. This would cost a lot less than \$50,000. The extra money could be saved or spent on play features for two

other parks or this would pay for half of an irrigation system in one of the City parks.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that if the City spent \$3000 a year for millings for 15 years you'd spend enough money to pave a parking lot that would last 50 years. In the long run it would be less expensive to pave the lot. Paving won't get any cheaper and the \$49,568 price is a good price.

Commissioner Schwaller agreed that in the long run it would be cheaper to pave the lot, however, the parks need to be upgraded today so the children can enjoy them. A paved parking lot is not a high priority in his opinion.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that the sidewalk addition to Massey Park be approved at a cost of \$6,930.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Henry Schwaller IV

**8. HALL STREET REDESIGN:** City Manager Gustafson requested approval of change orders to the design contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers for the Hall Street Reconstruction Project. The total costs of Amendments 12, 13, 14, and 16, which relate to realignment, signal lights, right-of-way staking, and additional right-of-way acquisition is \$80,720.

Dick Bedard moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign Amendments 12, 13, 14, and 16 to the contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers in the amount of \$80,720.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he would be abstaining from the vote because he owns property along Hall Street.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Abstain: Henry Schwaller IV

**9. HALL STREET SIDEWALKS:** Amendment 11 to the contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers is to change the plans to relocate the set back

sidewalks to curb sidewalks. The change order is for an amount not to exceed \$11,550.

Dick Bedard moved, Sunell Koerner seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign Amendment 11 to the contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel for an amount not to exceed \$11,550 for design engineering changes to the Hall Street Reconstruction Project.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he would be abstaining from the vote because he owns property along Hall Street.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Abstain: Henry Schwaller IV

**10. AUTOMATED METER READING EQUIPMENT:** The following bids were received for the purchase of automated meter reading equipment:

	<u>Equipment/Software</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Maint.</u>	<u>After 1<sup>st</sup> Yr.</u>
Utility Solutions	\$ 2,000.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00
Invensys	13,770.00	1,000.00	3,374.92
Itron	23,375.00	1,080.00	2,460.00
Datamatic	19,367.00	.00	2,417.52

The 2002 Budget set aside \$30,000 for this purchase. Staff recommended that the bid from Invensys be accepted.

Dick Bedard moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the bid from Invensys for automated meter reading equipment in the amount of \$13,770.00, 1<sup>st</sup> year maintenance cost of \$1,000.00, with an annual maintenance cost of \$3,374.92 after the 1<sup>st</sup> year, be accepted.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Henry Schwaller IV

**11. 8<sup>th</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS:** The City plans to reconstruct 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Milner to Elm Street using KDOT STP funding. General Obligation Bonds will finance the City's portion of the cost of the project.

City Clerk Susie Berger stated an ordinance needs to be passed designating 8<sup>th</sup> Street as a major trafficway. This is necessary in order to bond the project. The resolution initiates the proceedings and allows the City to be reimbursed for any costs incurred prior to the issuance of a temporary note.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that Ordinance No. 3597, being an ordinance designating Eighth Street from the east city limits to the west city limits in the City of Hays, Kansas, as a main trafficway, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Henry Schwaller IV

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that Resolution No. 418, being a resolution initiating proceedings by the Governing Body for improvement of a portion of Eighth Street in the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard

Larry Schmidt

Henry Schwaller IV

**12. 43<sup>rd</sup> STREET CONSTRUCTION:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Street is part of the System Enhancement Program and in order to bond the City portion, the street needs to be declared a major trafficway. Additionally, a resolution needs to be passed to initiate the proceedings for the curb, guttering, paving and storm sewer installation.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that Ordinance No. 3598, being an ordinance designating 43<sup>rd</sup> Street from Vine Street to General Hays Road in the City of Hays, Kansas, as main trafficway, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Sunell Koerner

Dick Bedard  
Larry Schmidt  
Henry Schwaller IV

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that Resolution No. 419, being a resolution initiating proceedings by the Governing Body for improvement of a portion of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

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

**13. TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON VINE STREET FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** This improvement will be bid and funded by a 90% KDOT-10% City match. The City will issue bonds to provide the 10% match. A resolution is necessary to initiate the project.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Dick Bedard seconded, that Resolution No. 420, being a resolution initiating proceedings by the Governing Body for upgrade and replacement of traffic signals along a portion of Vine Street in the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

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

**14. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM:** There were no comments.

**15. ADD-ON ITEMS:** There were no add-on items.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

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

Clerk of the Board

