

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2000

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session, Thursday, October 26, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

Mayor Hickman 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 October 12, 2000 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Assistant City Manager Dorothy Stites noted that sales tax revenue collected to date is about \$19,000 less than what was collected for the same time period last year.

Howard Rome moved, Larry Schmidt seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of September 2000 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

4. HAYS EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION: Mayor Hickman recognized the following City of Hays employees for years of service:

- 10 Years: Steve Arnhold - Water Treatment Plant
- Dave Bunger - Police Department
- Jeff Gerstner - Service Division
- Leroy Kreutzer - Service Division
- 25 Years: Homer Edwards - Service Division
- Lori Hertel - City Clerk's Office
- Wendelin Schumacher - Fire Department

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Brenda Cary, Assistant Director of Public Works, informed the City Commission that the City of Hays has received an environmental grant from Wal-Mart for \$3,000. This grant will go towards the building and equipment in the new recycling facility.

Kurt Hassler, Director of Engineering, announced Fort Hays State University will be having a GIS Day on November 14th and invited the Commissioners to attend.

6. CONSENT ITEMS: Mayor Hickman announced his appointments to the following committees:

Hays Park and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee

Mark Loughry - unexpired term

Beautification Committee

JoAnn Fleharty - three year term expiring August 1, 2003

Marianna Beach - three year term expiring August 1, 2003

Marilyn Marshall - three year term expiring August 1, 2003

Convention and Tourism Committee

Anita Ruder - three year term expiring December 1, 2003

Bob Wilhelm - three year term expiring December 1, 2003

Steve Wood - three year term expiring December 1, 2003

Terry Mannell - three year term expiring December 1, 2003

Traffic Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Mike Engel - term expires January 1, 2003

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Charlie Eakins - term expires January 1, 2002

City of Hays Residents

Doug Huston - term expires January 1, 2002

Rick Dechant - term expires January 1, 2002

Dave Pierson - term expires January 1, 2003

Jack Curtis - term expires January 1, 2003

Glen Hutchinson - term expires January 1, 2003

Wayne Billinger moved, Howard Rome seconded, that the mayoral appointments be accepted as presented.

Commissioner Schwaller asked if there was any reason that no women were appointed to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mayor Hickman stated there was not any reason.

Commissioner Schwaller stated that the group appointed to the Traffic Advisory Committee was a good group, but he would have like to have had some input to the appointments, therefore he would be voting no.

The Mayor called for the vote.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Larry Schmidt

Howard Rome

Wayne Billinger

No: Henry Schwaller IV

OLD BUSINESS

7. REPLAT OF AUBEL-BICKLE PARK: On October 16th the Hays-Ellis County Planning Commission approved the Replat of Block 1,2, and 3 of Hays Plaza 6th Addition and the Replat of Block 4, Hays Plaza Second Addition to the City of Hays, Kansas. This property is held by the City and is used as a public park and

this replat will eliminate/vacate the unnecessary streets, right-of-ways, alleys, and easements that had been included in the original plat.

Wayne Billinger moved, Howard Rome seconded, that Resolution No. 351, being a resolution replatting all of Blocks 1, 2, and 3 of the Hays Plaza Sixth Addition and the Replat of Block 4, Hays Plaza Second Addition, to the City of Hays, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

8. UPDATE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 406 EAST 6TH STREET: Pete Felten, owner of the house located at 406 East 6th Street, showed pictures of the work that has been completed on the 130 year old home. The previous owners of the home defaulted on their payments and the house reverted back to Mr. Felten this past year. The house was in bad disrepair and a complaint was filed to condemn the house. Repairs have been done to the northwest corner of the home and Mr. Felten is continuing to repair other parts of the home inside and out. Mr. Felten presented a letter from H. D. Woods, architect, recommending the procedure that was followed to remedy the wall failure. Henry Wiesner, a local contractor, also verified as to the soundness of the structure after the repairs.

Tom Loker, Building Inspector, confirmed that the work has been completed and meets standards. The Inspection Department will revoke the condemnation.

Shawn Tinkel, 400 East 6th Street, stated the reason he brought this matter before the Commission was because he didn't know where else to turn. He appreciates the improvements that Mr. Felten has made, but is concerned about what would happen when this house is sold. Would he have to appear before the Commission again if the new owners did not take care of the property?

Commissioner Schmidt stated at this point there isn't anything the Commission could do. The house has been brought up to standards. If it becomes a problem again, Mr. Tinkel should contact one of the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

9. GOOD SAMARITAN BONDS: Mayor Hickman opened a public hearing concerning the approval of the issuance of the Colorado Health Facilities Revenue Bonds for The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society Project.

Mayor Hickman stated this is a necessary requirement prior to the issuance of the bonds. It does not obligate the City of Hays in any manner.

Michael Decker, administrator of The Good Samaritan Rest Home, stated the revenue bonds are for the construction of a 12-unit congregate housing project located at 2710 Canal Boulevard. The Good Samaritan Society is in the process of obtaining permanent financing for the Hays Project together with a number of projects located throughout Kansas and other states.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Howard Rome seconded, that the public hearing be closed.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Larry Schmidt seconded, that Resolution No. 349, being a resolution approving the issuance of Health Facilities Revenue Bonds by the Colorado Health Facilities Authority for the benefit of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome

Wayne Billinger

10. UNION CONTRACTS: Susie Billinger, Director of Human Resources, stated the City of Hays has reached agreement with all three unions. The primary issue addressed in all three agreements relates to health insurance for 2001. The City has agreed to contribute \$5,425 per employee for health insurance in 2001 and will contribute that same amount in 2002, unless insurance rates for 2001 exceed 8.5%.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Larry Schmidt seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Hays and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 48, Hays Service Employees Local 513, and Hays Firefighters Local 2119.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

11. AUBEL-BICKLE PARK RESTROOM BIDS: Jeff Boyle, Park Director, submitted bids for the relocation of the Municipal Park restroom to the Aubel-Bickle Park. The following bids were received:

Paul-Wertenberger Construction	\$25,650
Commercial Builders	29,900
Steve's Construction	29,900

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Howard Rome seconded, that the bid from Paul-Wertenberger in the amount of \$25,650 be accepted.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

12. PARK DEPARTMENT PICK-UP BIDS: Jeff Boyle, Park Director, stated that \$35,000 was funded in the 2000 Budget for the replacement of a heavy-duty truck with a dump bed. The truck was first bid in April 2000; no bids were received. Local dealers couldn't get prices for the truck type until this fall or couldn't meet the specifications.

The truck was bid a second time and the Cheney dealership was the only one to submit a bid. Their bid for a Ford F550 is in the amount of \$32,300 and Mr. Boyle recommended the City of Hays accept this bid.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he would be voting not to accept this bid. He called local dealerships and asked why they didn't bid. One stated the specifications were written towards a Ford product. Another stated they couldn't bid until later this fall when General Motors introduces a new line of medium to heavy-duty trucks. The local dealers are also concerned about the liability of installing a dump bed through a third party. Commissioner Schwaller feels the Park Department should wait another month and re-bid this truck again.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested that other vendors be contacted. International, Freightliner and other manufactures make a heavy-duty truck that would meet the specifications. Based on his experience with Ford vehicles, he would have to vote against accepting this bid for safety purposes.

Mr. Boyle stated he hasn't heard anything bad about this model of Ford; he knows a person who has 198,000 miles on a Ford F550.

The Commission directed Mr. Boyle to re-bid this truck in late November.

13. MAIN TRAFFICWAY ORDINANCE: City Clerk Carol Berger stated that in order to finance the Sidewalk Ramp Project with General Obligation Bonds, certain streets must be designated as major trafficways.

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Larry Schmidt seconded, that Ordinance No. 3541, being an ordinance designating various streets in the City of Hays, Kansas, as main trafficways, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt

Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

14. SIDEWALK RAMPS FINANCING RESOLUTION: Henry Schwaller IV moved, Howard Rome seconded, that Resolution No. 350, being a resolution initiating proceedings by the Governing Body for improvements to certain main trafficways in the City of Hays, Kansas, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

15. COMMISSION INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: Commissioner Schwaller stated he would like an update on the status of who will be paying for the last two pumps that have been installed at the Hays Aquatic Park.

Assistant City Manager Stites stated she would relay that message to the Park Director.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Henry Schwaller IV moved, Howard Rome seconded, that the Governing Body adjourn to executive session at 8:55 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss attorney/client privileged information. The executive session is to include the Commissioners, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Henry Schwaller IV
Larry Schmidt
Howard Rome
Wayne Billinger

Mayor Hickman called the meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

17. ADD-ON ITEMS: Commissioner Rome stated he has been contacted by numerous citizens about the decision of the Hays Recreation Commission and the City of Hays to leave Massey Pool and Sunrise Pool open next year. The

two pools are leaking very badly. The issue should be revisited and discussed further.

Mayor Hickman stated he visited with the Pool Task Force and asked them to review information that has been gathered so far and to put together a feasibility plan.

Commissioner Schmidt stated he would like to know exactly what those two pools cost the City of Hays to operate. He figures Massey Pool lost approximately \$5,000 last year. There isn't a park in Hays that doesn't cost at least that much. Parks don't make any money. The water loss needs to be looked at. Two small neighborhood pools is not too many in a city the size of Hays.

Commissioner Schwaller asked for an update on the airport's efforts to aid disabled people getting on and off aircraft.

Commissioner Schwaller stated citizens that use the crosswalk on Hall Street located near 28th Street have contacted him. There has been discussion about illuminating and protecting the crosswalk and he would like an update on that issue.

Commissioner Schwaller asked if Park Director Jeff Boyle and Terry Mannell, the Ellis County Extension Agent, could study the bird nesting problem that is occurring along 29th Street near Vine Street and suggest a remedy for that situation.

Commissioner Schwaller asked that staff develop an ordinance that would prohibit "jake-braking" on Vine Street. For slowing down purposes, "jake-braking" should be outlawed in the city limits.

Mayor Hickman stated that the Advantage Card Program that was handled through the Chamber of Commerce, the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development and the Convention and Visitors Bureau allowed for one free swim pass at the Hays Aquatic Park. The Commission needs to decide if the City wanted to continue in that program next year. During this last swimming season, 361 people took advantage of a free pass.

The consensus of the Commission was to continue to participate in the Advantage Card by allowing one free swim pass in 2001.

Mayor Hickman discussed with the Commissioners possible dates to meet in joint session with the Ellis County Commission. Thursday, November 16, 2000 was agreed upon. A meeting scheduled to be held on that evening with the Hays Recreation Commission would be rescheduled.

Thereupon the Governing Body adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk of the Board