

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON APRIL 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Shaun Musil
Reese Barrick
Absent: Sandy Jacobs

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

2. MINUTES: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 24, 2022; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: David Clingan, Director of Recruitment and Retention for Grow Hays, provided a recap of what the USD 489 School Bond Committee has been working on. He thanked the City Commission for allowing the ½ cent sales tax option to be placed on the ballot for the school bond opportunity.

Mr. Clingan recognized Chrisy Crough for keeping the USD 489 Bond Website current so citizens can access real time information. This includes the rendering overhead view of how the current high school and the proposed high school would look, bond scope, frequently asked questions, and many other facts. She also posts information on Tidbit Tuesdays which focuses on specific topics to further explain what is going on with the school bond. Mr. Clingan also recognized Sarah Wasinger, who has kept up the Facebook page called Count Me in for Hays, which has been an excellent sight to see all of the pictures and stories supporting the school bond. He added that there has been tremendous support from the USD 489 administration, faculty, students, and the community.

He stated early voting begins on April 25, 2022 and encouraged everyone to vote.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for La Curva.

B. The following proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the April 28, 2022 City Commission meeting.

Hays Public Library Board

Christy Craig – four-year term to expire April 30, 2026 (1st term)

Emily Roth – four-year term to expire April 30, 2026 (1st term)

Shaun Musil moved, Michael Berges seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Shaun Musil
Reese Barrick

NEW BUSINESS

5. 2022 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROGRAM – AWARD OF BID: Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, stated the Department of Water Resources initiated a manhole rehabilitation program in 2018 to lengthen the lifespan of manholes needing repair. Manholes are a critical part of the wastewater collection system and allow staff to access the sanitary sewer system for cleaning and maintenance. Manholes need rehabilitated for various reasons including acidic environments, low pH, erosion, age, and storm water infiltration. The sewer inspection video program that began in 2013 has assisted in strategically identifying key manholes for rehabilitation. This program, along with staff inspections, has allowed for the creation of a priority list of repairs. Typical rehabilitation price is \$1,500 to \$3,000 per manhole. The process includes removal of loose material and relining with a minimum of a one-inch thick fiber reinforced cement like material called MS-2A, restoration of a smooth surface,

and repair of any leaks. A full manhole replacement costs approximately \$15,000.

Staff received three bids for the 2022 program of rehabilitating 50 manholes. The low bid of \$83,558.75 was submitted by Mayer Specialty Services of Wichita, Kansas. Due to the favorable bid, staff recommends awarding the project to Mayer Specialty Services in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$125,000. Additional manholes for rehabilitation have been identified to the north of the project area. Mr. Crispin noted that Mayer Specialty Services completed the 2019, 2020, and 2021 projects, and their work was excellent.

Shaun Musil moved, Michael Berges seconded, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mayer Specialty Services to complete the 2022 Manhole Rehabilitation Program with a budget not to exceed \$125,000, to be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance line item in the Water Reclamation and Reuse budget.

Vote: Ayes: Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Shaun Musil
Reese Barrick

6. 2022 WATER PRODUCTION SODA ASH FEEDER – AWARD OF BID: Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, stated the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) within the 2022 Budget includes \$50,000 for a project to replace the current soda ash feeder at the Water Plant. The soda ash feeder is an important piece of equipment that injects sodium carbonate, commonly known as soda ash, into the water production process. Soda ash acts as a pH adjuster with the added benefit of softening the water. Soda ash acts to control the alkalinity in the softening of water.

The current soda ash feeder is 48 years old and has had multiple in-house repairs over the years. The equipment has reached the end of its useful life and needs replaced. The soda ash feeder runs 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Staff solicited bids to replace the current soda ash feeder. One bid was submitted by Sidener Environmental Services of St. Louis, Missouri in the amount of \$26,426.

Reese Barrick moved, Michael Berges seconded, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$26,426 for the purchase of a soda ash feeder, to be funded from Water Capital.

Vote: Ayes: Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Shaun Musil
Reese Barrick

7. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Toby Dougherty, City Manager, provided an update on the Essential Air Service (EAS) Program at the Hays Regional Airport. He noted that last month the current carrier, SkyWest Airlines, filed with the Department of Transportation (DOT), a 90-day notice to terminate service in 29 communities of which Hays, Salina, Dodge City, and Liberal were included.

Mr. Dougherty stated that there are a limited number of carriers that participate in the EAS program and the national pilot shortage is affecting all of the regional carriers. He added that it will be hard for the existing carriers to pick up those 29 communities that have been dropped by SkyWest. The DOT issued a hold-in order to prohibit SkyWest from terminating service until a replacement carrier has been selected.

Mr. Dougherty encouraged everyone to continue to Fly Hays. He stated we have a good carrier, and the public can book flights with confidence. He added that Jamie Salter, Airport Director, reported that the Hays Regional Airport is on pace to have about 13,000 enplanements.

Commissioner Barrick stated he appreciated the update on the USD 489 School Bond election and encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Musil thanked Mr. Clingan for the school bond update and said the committee has done a good job of getting the facts out to the public.

Mayor Ruder thanked Mr. Dougherty for the update regarding the airport flights. He also thanked Mr. Clingan for the update and stated he appreciates the information and all the work they have done for the USD 489 Bond election. He encouraged everyone to review the information and vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk