

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MAY 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mason Ruder

Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Reese Barrick

Alaina Cunningham

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 session held on April 27, 2023; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNING BODY: A. Nomination and election of Mayor. Sandy Jacobs moved, Reese Barrick seconded, that Shaun Musil be elected to the position of Mayor for the City of Hays.

Vote: Ayes: Mason Ruder

Sandy Jacobs

Reese Barrick

Alaina Cunningham

Abstain: Shaun Musil

B. Nomination and election of Vice-Mayor. Shaun Musil moved, Mason Ruder seconded, that Sandy Jacobs be elected to the position of Vice-Mayor for the City of Hays.

Vote: Ayes: Mason Ruder

Shaun Musil

Reese Barrick

Alaina Cunningham

Abstain: Sandy Jacobs

C. Recognition of outgoing Mayor. Mayor Shaun Musil recognized outgoing Mayor Mason Ruder for his service and dedication to the community. He reviewed many of the projects and activities that occurred during Commissioner Ruder's term as Mayor.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Approve Resolution No. 2023-010 adopting the City of Hays City Commission Rules of Procedure and repealing all previous resolutions, motions, or actions in conflict therewith.

B. Approve the Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License for Fort Hays DAV Chapter 18.

Sandy Jacobs moved, Alaina Cunningham seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Shaun Musil
Sandy Jacobs
Reese Barrick
Alaina Cunningham
Mason Ruder

NEW BUSINESS

6. UPDATE FROM THE HAYS AREA CHILDREN'S CENTER: Jessamyn Staples, Board Member for the Hays Area Children's Center, presented information to the Commissioners regarding childcare statistics, opportunities, and challenges regarding childcare in our area.

Ms. Staples stated the HACC serves 79 children from 60 families. She added that 112 local employees depend on HACC for childcare. A growing concern is the increase cost of childcare. These increased costs are passed onto parents in our community, which adds to the financial stress on local households. She stated that the HACC continues to look for additional operational

efficiencies, grant opportunities, and additional capacity increases to address community needs.

7. R9 WELLFIELD AND PIPELINE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AGREEMENTS: Toby Dougherty, City Manager, stated City staff has negotiated design engineering agreements with Burns & McDonnell for the wellfield and pipeline projects associated with the R9 development. The contracts were finalized through the City Attorney's office. He noted that they were set up as two separate projects to take better advantage of Federal funds.

Brian Meier, Principal-In-Charge, Burns & McDonnell, stated he has served the City of Hays for 25 years in various capacities and he is excited to be part of this milestone, which is a critical project for the City of Hays. Mr. Meier presented information regarding the wellfield project. He discussed the wells and well houses, wellfield distribution piping, raw water storage tank, high service pump station, and all of the infrastructure required on site. He added that there will be close coordination with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to make sure all of the design standards are met as they move through every element of the design process.

Jeff Heidrick, Project Director/Manager, Burns & McDonnell, presented information regarding the R9 pipeline transmission project. He stated there will be 65 miles of 20-inch water transmission pipeline that will convey water from the R9 Ranch wellfield to the existing system by the Smoky wellfield.

Mr. Heidrick talked about the Burns & McDonnell team that will be working on the project design and the many years of experience they bring. He noted that he will be the project manager over both projects. He stated that design engineering is scheduled to take 18 months to complete.

A. Sandy Jacobs moved, Reese Barrick seconded, to approve the Wellfield Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$3,970,685, to be funded from the Water Sales Tax Reserve.

Vote: Ayes: Shaun Musil
Sandy Jacobs
Reese Barrick
Alaina Cunningham
Mason Ruder

B. Mason Ruder moved, Alaina Cunningham seconded, to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the R9 Pipeline Project in the amount of \$4,058,683, to be funded from the Water Sales Tax Reserve.

Vote: Ayes: Shaun Musil
Sandy Jacobs
Reese Barrick
Alaina Cunningham
Mason Ruder

Mayor Musil stated this is a historic event for our community. He noted that many people have been working on this project for years and he is excited to see it move forward.

8. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Ruder thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community as Mayor. He noted that the Kiwanis Club celebrated their 70th Anniversary in Hays and the amount of work they have done for the area is incredible. He also stated he submitted a letter of support to Grow Hays for a grant opportunity for the Grove Child Care Center.

Commissioner Cunningham stated this is a big step moving forward with the R9 Project.

Commissioner Barrick agreed and stated it is exciting to get this project started.

Commissioner Jacobs expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Ruder for his service as mayor. She added that she is proud to be part of this governing body and is excited for the R9 Project to begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk