

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 May 26, 2022; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: There were no items on the Consent Agenda for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

5. CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Toby Dougherty, City Manager, stated the City Commission solicited Request for Qualifications for City Attorney services. One proposal was submitted, by Donald F. Hoffman with the firm of Dreiling, Bieker & Hoffman, LLP, of Hays, Kansas. A contract was presented to the Commission for consideration that includes a one-year term with a one-year auto-renewal, and a firm two-year end date.

Sandy Jacobs moved, Michael Berges seconded, to approve the contract for City Attorney services between the City of Hays and Donald F. Hoffman with the firm of Dreiling, Bieker & Hoffman, LLP.

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

6. SWEARING IN OF CITY ATTORNEY: Brenda Kitchen, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Donald F. Hoffman who was appointed to the position of City Attorney for the City of Hays.

7. NUISANCE ABATEMENT AT 313 EAST 23RD STREET: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, reported that the property at 313 East 23rd Street has general nuisance items on the property in violation of City Ordinance. Up to this point, all proper notification has been given to the owner of the property. If the nuisance items are removed by the City, all costs of abatement will be charged to the owner of the property. Mr. Rohr noted that this is an owner-occupied property.

Shaun Musil moved, Michael Berges seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2022-009 to abate the nuisance items located on the property at 313 East 23rd Street, 10 days after the approval date.

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

8. PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING MODIFIED FLOOD REGULATIONS AND NEW FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, stated that in early 2018, Ellis County was selected for a FEMA Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) project to update floodplain mapping within the County. The intent of the project was to update the 1986 paper-based flood maps that are currently being used, with new digital maps created using more modern methods. The new maps utilize contemporary Light Detecting and Ranging (LIDAR) technology which is ten-times more accurate than the data used for the current maps.

A kick-off meeting was held February 21, 2018 and was attended by several key stakeholders including Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, and FEMA. Mr. Rohr stated the process to get to where we are today, took just over four years. The final step in the process is adoption of updated floodplain regulations. If approved the new flood maps will become effective on June 15, 2022.

Mr. Rohr noted that 74 properties will be added to the floodplain, 332 will be removed from the floodplain, and 1,053 will remain in the floodplain.

The adoption of this revised ordinance and the new maps will allow Hays to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This will allow citizens to get flood insurance and federally backed mortgages if they are within the floodplain.

Reese Barrick moved, Shaun Musil seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 4011 adopting the revised flood management regulations and updated flood maps as drafted.

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

9. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Jacobs stated that the ARC Park is really being enjoyed by the community and she hopes the water park is not a problem for staff. She also welcomed Don Hoffman and the Dreiling, Bieker & Hoffman firm.

Commissioner Musil commended City staff for the open house regarding the potential new fire station at 1732 West 41st Street. He asked if the information that was presented could be made available on the city website for those that could not attend the open house. Toby Dougherty, City Manager, stated that information can be made available on the city website as well as contact information for any questions the public may have.

Commissioner Musil thanked John T. Bird and the Glassman, Bird, Powell firm for what they have done for the City of Hays for many years. He welcomed Mr. Hoffman as well.

Vice-Mayor Berges voiced his concerns and frustration with the recent vandalism and break-ins happening in Ellis and Hays.

Mayor Ruder stated he is looking forward to the Historic Fort Hays Days that will be going on this weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk