

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JULY 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Sandy Jacobs
Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Ron Mellick
Shaun Musil

Mayor Jacobs 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 June 24, 2021; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: Approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Downtown Hays Development Corporation (DHDC) Special Event on August 27, 2021.

Mason Ruder moved, Michael Berges seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs
Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Ron Mellick
Shaun Musil

NEW BUSINESS

5. LINCOLN TUNNEL LINING – AWARD OF BID: John Braun, Project Manager, stated the Lincoln Tunnel conveys stormwater through the heart of the City from 19th Street and Lincoln Drive to the Montgomery Ditch at the Union Pacific Railroad. The tunnel winds its way under the downtown area following the old creek bed that was filled in during the 1920's when the tunnel was constructed and much of the town was subsequently built over the top of it. The Lincoln Draw Tunnel is a storm sewer pipe constructed of glazed red clay tile mortared together into a circular tunnel approximately 72 inches in diameter and one mile in length.

Mr. Braun stated the tunnel is inspected annually by City staff, and for a 100-year-old structure, the tunnel is still in decent shape. However, due to its location and the nature of its function, the City cannot risk allowing it to deteriorate. The cost to remove or replace the tunnel is extreme; therefore, it must be maintained to last as long as possible. The types of deterioration that currently exist include; sagging of the crown resulting in a crack opening along the top of the pipe, horizontal fractures of the pipe typically in the lower quarter section, tiles missing their faces, and deteriorating storm sewer tap connections.

In 2009, the City spent \$600,000 on repairs to the tunnel. Most visible to the public at the time was the replacement of a section under the intersection of 15th and Main Street, but the project also included lining approximately 1,500 linear feet of the tunnel with an epoxy solution. That epoxy lining has held up quite well over the last 12 years; therefore, the Capital Improvement Plan within the 2021 budget includes \$750,000 to line an additional 2,000 linear feet of the tunnel and remove two obstructions caused by City water mains that penetrate the tunnel.

Two bids were received. The low bid from Utility Maintenance Contractors (UMC), in the amount of \$869,365, has been determined to be the valid low bid. UMC is the same contractor that performed the tunnel lining project in 2009.

The Capital Improvement Plan within the 2021 Budget included \$750,000 for the lining of Lincoln Tunnel to be funded out of Stormwater Reserve. Due to increases in material and labor prices from COVID and other economic conditions, the low bid of \$869,365 is over the \$750,000 budgeted for this project. Since there is adequate funding in the Stormwater Reserve to fund the \$869,365 low bid, staff recommends awarding the full amount of the low bid. If the Commission chooses to stay within the original budget, only 1,600 linear feet could be rehabbed rather than the planned 2,000 linear feet.

Mason Ruder moved, Ron Mellick seconded, to authorize the City Manager to enter a contract with Utility Maintenance Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$869,365 for the lining of the Lincoln Tunnel to be funded out of the Stormwater Reserve.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs
Mason Ruder
Michael Berges
Ron Mellick
Shaun Musil

6. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Musil thanked residents for following the rules regarding fireworks throughout the 4th of July weekend.

Mayor Jacobs also thanked the community for not only abiding by the rules, but also for their cleanup efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk