

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS  
HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON:** The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, August 12, 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 July 22, 2021; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Philip Kuhn, President of Oktoberfest, presented information about this year's Oktoberfest activities. He stated Oktoberfest 2021 will be held on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also spoke about the economic impact Oktoberfest has on our community. He shared data provided by See Source, mobile device tracking and credit card reports, that identified visitors that came to Hays from 50 miles away or more on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and visited Municipal Park. He thanked the sponsors, local businesses, and community members that put their time, talent, and resources into making Oktoberfest possible. He added that next year they will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having Oktoberfest in Hays and they are planning and looking forward to that.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – ADD ON ITEM:** The following proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the August 26, 2021 City Commission meeting.

CARE Council

Kayla Lonnon – two-year term to expire August 26, 2023 (6<sup>th</sup> term)

## Hays Housing Authority Board

Janet Klaus – four-year term to expire August 26, 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> term)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**5. CHAMBERS OF KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN:** Sarah Wasinger, President/CEO of the Hays Chamber, stated that numerous Chambers of Commerce across the state of Kansas worked on creating cooperative community health plans in 2019 and 2020. Members of these chambers noted that the timing was not right during a global health pandemic. As conditions improved across the state, businesses began asking about the community health plan again. There are currently 10 Chambers of Commerce across the state that are participating in the Chambers of Kansas Community Health Plan pool.

Ms. Wasinger explained that the plan is governed by an insurance board and bonds will be utilized to provide financial protection for the community health plan. Each Chamber of Commerce will have two board directors serving on the insurance board. Ms. Wasinger stated the Board Members for the Hays Chamber will be Bryan Brady, CEO at First Care Clinic, Inc. and George Harms, Vice-President and CFO at Hays Medical Center. Ms. Wasinger reviewed the plan details and options. She added that this plan will be accessible to any business, non-profit, or government entity, and the only requirement is that you are a member of one of the participating Chambers. A minimum of 65% participation is required per business. She stated there are currently over 25 businesses interested in this plan.

Commissioner Musil asked if this plan is just for full time employees. Ms. Wasinger said at this time it is only offered to full time employees.

**6. 2021 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROGRAM – AWARD OF BID:** Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, reported 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. 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.

Mr. Crispin stated there are 2,400 manholes in the City of Hays and the 2021 program includes rehabilitation of 46 manholes. Completing approximately 50 manholes per year would allow for a 50-year cycle of manholes being professionally rehabilitated. A 50-year cycle is recommended as an industry standard.

Staff received four bids for the 2021 program of rehabilitating 46 manholes. The low bid was submitted by Mayer Specialty Services of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Crispin stated Mayer Specialty Services completed the 2019 and 2020 projects, and their work has been excellent.

Mason Ruder moved, Michael Berges seconded, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mayer Specialty Services to complete the 2021 Manhole Rehabilitation Program with a budget not to exceed \$100,000 to be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance line item in the Water Reclamation & Reuse budget.

Commissioner Musil stated the City budgets for this type of maintenance each year and we should be proud of our commitment to maintain our infrastructure.

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

**7. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS:** Commissioner Musil welcomed the Fort Hays State students back to Hays and hopes for a normal school year.

Vice-Mayor Ruder also welcomed all of the students back and is excited for the new school year.

Mayor Jacobs agreed, and stated she is sure the community retailers are glad to have people back that are ready to go to work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk