

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Michael Berges

Ron Mellick

Absent: Mason Ruder

Mayor Musil 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 February 27, 2020; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

4. EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES: Don Scheibler, Chief of Police, introduced Cassandra Whitten, who was recently hired as a Dispatcher.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. HESS FIRST ADDITION FINAL PLAT: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, reported the property known as the proposed Hess First Addition is under consideration for final plat approval. This is for the property located north of Interstate 70 at exit 157 and on the west side of 230th Avenue. The final plat consists of 10 lots to be available for development. On January 27, 2020 the final plat was reviewed and approved with a 6-0 vote by the Hays Area Planning

Commission. The plat is designed to allow for commercial uses such as restaurants, hotels, travel centers, and vehicle washes to accommodate the traveling public on Interstate 70. Staff, as well as the Hays Area Planning Commission, recommends approving the final plat as submitted.

The closest utilities to serve this development are located at 41st Street and Highway 183 Bypass. Water and sanitary sewer lines will be installed along the west side of the bypass and cross under Interstate 70 to serve the development. The developer is responsible for the extension of the utilities, and a developer agreement will be made prior to any work beginning.

Ron Mellick moved, Michael Berges seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2020-007 accepting the final plat of Hess First Addition.

Vote: Ayes: Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Michael Berges

Ron Mellick

7. SLOPE MOWER – AWARD OF BID: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, reported the 2020 Budget included \$70,000 for the purchase of a new slope mower for stormwater maintenance. This is a new piece of equipment that is not currently in the fleet, but will replace a 2010 Jacobson R-311 that was handed down from the Parks Department. This mower is not made to mow steep slopes and is not safe to mow these stormwater draws. The new slope mower will be used often to efficiently and safely mow the various stormwater ditches such as Chetolah, Lincoln, Anthony, and Canal.

The low bid for a new slope mower that met all specifications is \$46,882.81 from Great Plains Motorsports. Staff held demonstrations on four mowers and the recommended mower had no issue mowing any area and appeared to be the safest mower. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Great Plains Motorsports for a new model Harper ATM 72LC for the total amount of \$46,882.81. Mr. Rohr stated the mower does come with additional blades.

Sandy Jacobs moved, Ron Mellick seconded, to award the bid for the purchase of a new Harper ATM72LC Slope Mower from Great Plains

Motorsports of South Hutchinson in the amount of \$46,882.81 to be funded out of the Stormwater Operational Budget/New Equipment line item.

Mayor Musil asked if they would be mowing more areas or mowing more often. Mr. Rohr stated there are some areas that they haven't mowed because they did not have the equipment to mow them safely. He added that they mow the stormwater draws in the spring, in July, and again at the end of the growing season in October or November.

Vote: Ayes: Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Michael Berges

Ron Mellick

8. NORTH VINE STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE: John Braun, Project Manager, provided details on the North Vine Street Corridor Project in terms of what the project includes and the sequence of construction. He also discussed how traffic would be handled throughout the different phases of construction. This project is broken down into nine distinct phases of construction spanning two construction seasons.

During the 2020 season, the west frontage road will be constructed along with the roundabout at 32nd and 33rd Streets. During the 2020/2021 winter season, 37th Street will be extended west to Skyline and Skyline will be extended north to 41st Street. During the 2021 season, the three roundabouts at 37th Street, I-70 ramps, and 41st Street/Mopar will be constructed. While the west half of the roundabouts are under construction, traffic will be one lane in each direction (head to head) in the east lanes, and while the east half is being built, traffic will be head to head in the west lanes. While the centers of the roundabouts are under construction, traffic will be in the outside lanes. Left turns will be restricted in the construction zones to reduce traffic backup; however, there will always be access to all businesses.

Vice-Mayor Jacobs asked if a demonstration similar to this will be given to all of the commercial businesses that are impacted by this project. Mr. Braun stated that they will hold a pre-construction meeting and some individual

meetings as well. City Manager, Toby Dougherty, added that they will make sure proper signage is in place to make it easier for travelers.

Mr. Braun stated this is the construction phasing plan as designed by the engineer. When a contractor is awarded the bid; they will review this plan and may offer input to improve upon it. He added that a fact sheet has been developed which shows all nine construction phases and a customized construction sequence for each individual phase of construction. The fact sheet will be available on the City's website at haysusa.com and will be distributed to the media and stakeholders along the project.

Commissioner Mellick asked how much higher the center part of the roundabouts would be. He also asked if they would be concrete and a different color. Mr. Braun stated there will be two transition areas. There will be the normal driving lanes, a truck apron about three inches higher, and another three inch curb to the center island. There will be two, three inch transitions to get to the center which will be a colored concrete.

Mayor Musil confirmed that there would not be any trees or grass in the middle area and asked what would be done with the trees that are there now. Mr. Braun stated that the Parks Department will take everything they can use including some of the big rocks.

City's engineer, WSP, has delivered to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) the final plans for construction of improvements to the North Vine Street Corridor. KDOT is currently advertising the project with a bid opening date of March 25, 2020. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2020 and be complete by November 2021.

9. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Berges congratulated the Hays High Basketball team who is advancing to the playoffs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk