

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON JULY 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Michael Berges

Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Reese Barrick

Absent: Mason Ruder

Vice-Mayor Berges 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 23, 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. ORDINANCE ADOPTING PROPOSED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

(UDC) AMENDMENTS: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, stated that the UDC was adopted in August of 2016 and is a living document to be updated as changes are recognized. Staff has identified regulations within the UDC for suggested amendments. The goal in suggesting these changes is to make it easier to develop properties, relax regulations, and to clarify sections within the UDC to help citizens, developers, and staff with interpreting the regulations.

Staff presented these amendments to the Planning Commission in a series of meetings, and after reaching a consensus and a favorable recommendation, are now requesting City Commission consideration.

At the June 16, 2022 and July 7, 2022 Work Sessions the proposed changes were presented to the City Commission and discussed in great detail. Mr. Rohr provided a quick overview of the 26 suggested changes. The changes included zoning uses and definitions, signage, landscaping, and miscellaneous changes.

Shaun Musil moved, Reese Barrick seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 4012 amending various UDC regulations as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Michael Berges

Shaun Musil

Sandy Jacobs

Reese Barrick

Toby Dougherty, City Manager, thanked Jesse Rohr, Curtis Deines, and Public Works staff for the work they put into identifying these changes. He added that they will continue to review and analyze the codes and make sure they are protecting what needs protected and that there is a valid reason the codes exist.

6. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Commissioner Barrick stated he appreciates the work staff has done and feels it is important that business owners, residents, and developers can read and understand the UDC.

Commissioner Jacobs reminded everyone to take care of themselves and their animals during this extreme heat.

Commissioner Musil thanked the Hays Recreation Commission and City staff for working together so well and organizing the recent tournaments at the Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex. He added that he has heard many visitors compliment our community.

Vice-Mayor Berges stated his son recently attended a camp at the Sternberg Museum and that someone came from Los Angeles, California to attend the camp. He feels we are very lucky to have this nationally recognized museum in our community. He also recognized Alexandra Coveney, who is the

first female Eagle Scout in not only the Wheatland District, but also in the Coronado Area Council, which includes 32 counties in northwest and north central Kansas. He congratulated her as that is a huge accomplishment.

Vice-Mayor Berges also noted that the state has awarded \$4.1 million in Community Service Tax Credits, and Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) was awarded \$150,000 worth of credits that will generate \$300,000 worth of improvements for their facilities. He added that there are many positive things going on in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk