

MINUTES

4-11-16

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting began at 6:30 PM. Mayor Harvey Davis, Faye Hancock, Terry Strawn, Amy Werst, Larry Odom, and Connie Gibbens were present. Kathy Davidson was also present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING LOOSE DOGS AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE. Hays County Sheriff's officers, animal control division, were present to discuss and offer advice concerning the problem of loose dogs. The discussion soon centered on Faye Hancock's dogs getting out and causing problems for residents.

The officers made it clear that they were available at all times and to please call with complaints. Mayor Harvey Davis said that Faye Hancock is in violation of the City of Hays animal control ordinance, and she would need to apply for a variance to keep the current number of dogs on her property.

Michael Werst was concerned about the health and well-being of the dogs and asked the officers the proper procedure to start an investigation concerning their well-being. Hays County Animal Control does not have the right to pick up animals unless they all are out in the general public.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens asked the officers the best method to move forward with deterring Ms. Hancock's dogs from getting in their yard. The officers suggested that Mr. or Mrs. Stevens:

- a. take pictures when the dogs are in their yard
- b. provide the pictures and sign an affidavit concerning the incident
- c. the county will then write a violation of the County's Ordinance

Terry Strawn made a motion to end the discussion on this issue. Larry Odom seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Harvey Davis thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mayor Harvey Davis thanked departing City Council member Amy Werst for her service to the City of Hays. Amy has volunteered for City social functions, initiated a City of Hays' Neighborhood Watch, and she was the driving force behind the city receiving a Parks and Wildlife Grant. Mayor Harvey Davis said she will be missed.

RECEIVE UPDATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING DRAINAGE PROJECT. Mayor Harvey Davis will contact Commissioner Mark Jones concerning drainage problems on Mr. Meeks' property. Don Rauschuber, Mayor Harvey Davis, and Mr. Meeks walked the property and concluded that the added water, drainage problems, resulted from the improvements to FM 1626 and needed to be addressed Hays County. Mr. Scott Wetzel from The Wallace Group will be at the May meeting.

RECEIVE UPDATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE HAYS COMMONS PROJECT. Larry Odom informed the City Council that the meeting

between members of the City of Hays and members of the City of Austin went well. Nothing was decided but this meeting was a beginning in negotiations concerning ETJ and Hays Commons Subdivision (Gragg Tract) issues.

RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORTS. Mayor Harvey Davis presented the February financial report.

RECEIVE UPDATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE HAYS COMMUNITY GARDEN. Amy Werst presented a financial report on the upcoming City of Hays' Vegetable Garden (Parks & Wildlife Grant). Larry Odom made a motion to create a committee to oversee this project. Terry Strawn seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The committee will consist of Gayle Hudgens, Connie Gibbens, Amy Werst, and Michael West.

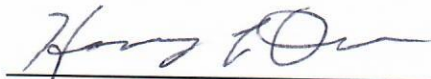
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO FORM AN AUDIT COMMITTEE. This item will be discussed in the May City Council meeting.

RECEIVE REPORT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. Mayor Harvey Davis suggested that the City Secretary job be advertised with in the City of Hays. He will discuss the legality of this type of posting with our attorney, Jeff Ulmann. Mayor Harvey Davis also suggested that future City Secretary duties should be confined to more traditional areas. An outside company should be employed to manage the City of Hays Water System.

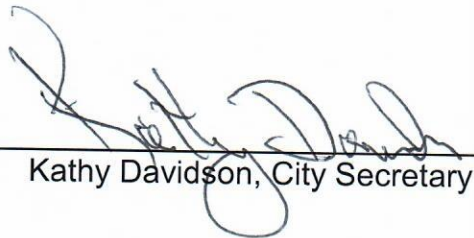
APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING ON MARCH 14, 2016. Larry Odom made a motion to accept the minutes for 3-14-16. Amy Werst seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT Amy Werst made a motion to adjourn. Terry Strawn seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.



Mayor Harvey Davis



Kathy Davidson, City Secretary