



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall, 1507 Main Street, Hays, KS

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chairperson.
2. **MINUTES:** Consider approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 27, 2025. ([PAGE 1](#))
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** (non-agenda items).
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** (Items to be approved by the Commission in one motion, unless objections are raised).
 - A. [Mayoral Appointment for Approval:](#) Hays Housing Authority Board ([PAGE 7](#))
 - B. [Mayoral Appointment Recommendations:](#) Hays Public Library Board and Youth Leadership Advisory Board ([PAGE 9](#))

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(No business to review)

NEW BUSINESS

5. **UPDATE FROM THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD:** The Youth Leadership Advisory Board will give an update on current projects. ([PAGE 21](#))
6. **2024 AUDIT:** Accept the 2024 Audit for the City of Hays as presented by Adams Brown. ([PAGE 23](#))
7. **COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS**
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING TIME. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON MARCH 27, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: The Governing Body of the City of Hays, Kansas met in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder

Alaina Cunningham

Reese Barrick

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 session held on February 27, 2025; the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kim Rupp, Director of Finance, reviewed the financial summaries of the revenue and expenditure activities of the City of Hays for the month ended February 28, 2025.

Month to date (MTD) general fund sales tax collections were at \$935,045, which was an increase of \$6,904 or .74% as compared to last year. Year to date (YTD) general fund sales tax is up \$78,745 or 4.7%. The six-month average was at 3.49%, which was a year-over-year increase of 2.3%. YTD County sales tax collections were at \$209,059 up \$11,837.

The report of top ten quarter to date (QTD) sales tax collections by classification was up \$181,278 or 5.5%. These top ten represent 74% of the total sales tax collections for the running quarter.

The total par value of the US Treasuries for February was \$6,717,000, with a weighted average yield to maturity of 4.3% down .3% from a year ago. The total of the portfolio of certificates of deposit on February 28, 2025 was \$61,438,862, with a weighted average rate to maturity of 4.78% down -.24%. The total balance

of the Money Market account on February 28, 2025 was \$4,700,000, with a current yield of 3.388% down -.77% from a year ago. Total investments were up \$2,615,654.

Commissioner Musil moved, Commissioner Barrick seconded, to approve the Financial Statement for the month of February 2025 as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder

Alaina Cunningham

Reese Barrick

Shaun Musil

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Tina Sarver, City of Hays resident, expressed the need of allowing backyard chickens in the city limits. She suggested requiring a permit and a yearly fee to allow backyard chickens.

The Commission would like Staff to research and put together a proposed policy to discuss at a future Work Session.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: The following proposed appointment will be presented for approval at the April 10, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

Hays Housing Authority Board

AI Klaus – 4-year term to expire 4-10-2029 (4th term)

Commissioner Ruder moved, Commissioner Cunningham seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder

Alaina Cunningham

Reese Barrick

Shaun Musil

NEW BUSINESS

6. WOMEN WHO LEAD – SUNRISE PARK IMPROVEMENTS: Ruth Ruder, President of Women Who Lead, and Nancy Jeter, member of Women Who Lead, gave a presentation about improvements they would like to complete at Sunrise

Park. The Women Who Lead recently adopted Sunrise Park and would like to pursue various grants and fundraising opportunities to upgrade the existing amenities in the park. The group would like to complete the park improvements in phases. Phase 1 would include upgrading the existing infield conditions on the two ballfields and repairing the backstop on one of the fields, adding three additional holes to the disc golf course, adding a kiosk and signage to the disc golf course, and installing a solar light on the new park sign. Phase 1 also includes a new basketball court as well. Funding for Phase 1 is available, and upgrades can be completed in 2025. Phase 2 is for the replacement of the existing playground with new and updated equipment. The existing play equipment needs to be replaced, as it is 20+ years old.

The Women Who Lead organization are not asking for money, they are just asking the Commission for authorization to allow them to proceed with fundraising for Phase 1 and 2 improvements for Sunrise Park.

Commissioner Ruder moved, Commissioner Cunningham seconded, to authorize the Women Who Lead to proceed with fundraising for Phase 1 and Phase 2 improvements for Sunrise Park.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder

Alaina Cunningham

Reese Barrick

Shaun Musil

7. RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT (TALLGRASS 2ND ADDITION, PHASE 4): Jarrod Kuckelman, Assistant City Manager, stated that the Heart of America Development Corporation (the “Developer”) submitted an Application for Economic Incentives and the required application fee relating to a residential project and related infrastructure for Phase 4 of the Tallgrass 2nd Addition project located at the northeast corner of 22nd Street and Wheatland Avenue. Preliminary plans include approximately 101 single-family homes and infrastructure to support

and serve the development (collectively, the “Project”). The Developer reports that some lots may be converted to multi-family use.

The Developer requests RHID financing on a pay-as-you-go basis for 25 years. The Developer proposes that the City finance the majority of the RHID-eligible costs and construct the infrastructure related to the Project, and that the City utilize RHID revenues to offset the City's costs, including debt service requirements on any bonds issued for the Project costs. RHID revenues will be derived from incremental property tax revenues collected on the Project site. In addition, the Developer will provide a deposit, which could be utilized by the City to pay for Project costs or to pay debt service on general obligation temporary notes and bonds that are issued. Any RHID revenues generated in excess of City costs and debt service requirements would be used to reimburse RHID-eligible expenses incurred by the Developer on a pay-as-you-go basis. RHID collection will cease upon the earlier of 25 years or full reimbursement of all RHID-eligible project costs.

For financial consideration, the Developer will provide to the City a deposit that is equal to 30% of the projected infrastructure costs. The eligible project costs are estimated to be approximately \$6 million, while the RHID is estimated to generate about \$6.867 million of revenue over 25 years. If the Development were to not generate sufficient increment to cover costs after 6 years, the City would have the option to take ownership of all undeveloped lots.

If the Commission approves the Resolution, a public hearing will be set for May 8, 2025. Following the public hearing, the Commission would consider an Ordinance establishing the RHID and adopting the Development Plan. If an RHID is established and the Development Plan adopted, the City and the Developer would enter into a Development Agreement to govern the rights and responsibilities of the parties.

Commissioner Ruder moved, Commissioner Musil seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-002 setting a public hearing for the establishment of an RHID and adoption of a Development Plan.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder
Alaina Cunningham
Reese Barrick
Shaun Musil

8. 2024 BUILDING CODE UPDATE: Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, stated that the City of Hays last adopted its building codes in 2017, to the 2015 version. Adopting the 2024 International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) ensures that new and renovated structures meet modern safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency standards. City staff have worked to maintain previous amendments that would exempt enforcement of certain provisions of the updated code. Maintaining these previous amendments will minimize changes for contractors and retain the City's current practices, all while keeping up with industry's best practices.

Up-to-date building codes streamline permitting and create consistency for developers and builders. Many state and federal funding programs require compliance with the latest codes. Adopting the 2024 IBC and IRC will help the community maintain eligibility for certain grants and reduce liability risks when disasters strike. Additionally, insurance providers often base coverage and premium rates on code compliance, benefiting homeowners.

City Staff has worked with local contractors to adopt the updated codes, while also striving to maintain the amendments from the 2015 code adoption, to help minimize changes to current construction practices. Staff engaged local contractors, creating a contractor code committee, which met several times and conducted a public meeting open to all licensed contractors to review and go over code updates and revisions. Staff has reviewed the comments received and with the committee's agreement, staff concurs with the amendments as presented.

While some code updates may have upfront costs, they often lead to long term savings through disaster resilience and reduced maintenance costs. Updated codes also align with best practices, reducing costly design modifications and project delays.

Commissioner Barrick moved, Commissioner Cunningham seconded, to approve Ordinance No. 4069 adopting the 2024 International Building Code and International Residential Code with amendments as legally described within the adopting ordinance.

Vote: Ayes: Sandy Jacobs

Mason Ruder

Alaina Cunningham

Reese Barrick

Shaun Musil

9. PROGRESS REPORT: Collin Bielser, Deputy City Manager, presented a monthly report of city-related activities, services, and programs.

10. HAYS HAPPENINGS/UPCOMING EVENTS: Melissa Dixon, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented information on events that will be going on in Hays during the month of April.

11. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: Mayor Jacobs reminded the youth and parents in the community that they are currently accepting applications for the Youth Leadership Advisory Board through March 31st, 2025. She would like staff to review the Ordinance that relates to the Youth Leadership Advisory Board to see if there are any minor tweaks that need to be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Jami Breit – City Clerk



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**City Commission Meeting
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 4A

MEETING DATE: 4-10-2025

TOPIC:

Mayoral Appointment for Approval

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the proposed appointment to the Hays Housing Authority Board.

NARRATIVE:

The following proposed appointment was recommended by Mayor Jacobs at the March 27, 2025 City Commission Meeting and is now being presented for approval.

Hays Housing Authority Board

Al Klaus – 4-year term to expire 4-10-2029 (4th term)

PERSON/STAFF MEMBER(S) MAKING PRESENTATION:

Sandy Jacobs, Mayor

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Application



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Committee Application

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| Email Address | aklaus@comlinkusa.net |
| Date | 3/21/2025 |
| Name | Al Klaus |
| Address | 1910 Holmes Road |
| City | Hays |
| State | Kansas |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 7854322078 |
| Evening Phone | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Place of Employment | retired |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | entire life except military service |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Hays Housing Authority |
| How much time could you devote per month? | 6 hours |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I have served on this board for a number of years and recently received a note that my term expired and I needed to reapply. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Former Trades Board member, former Red Cross volunteer, prior substitute para with USD 489, life member of VFW and VVA. |



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**City Commission Meeting
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 4B

MEETING DATE: 4-10-2025

TOPIC:

Mayoral Appointment Recommendations

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive Mayor Jacobs's proposed appointments to the Hays Public Library Board and Youth Leadership Advisory Board.

NARRATIVE:

The following proposed appointments will be presented for approval at the April 24, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

Hays Public Library Board

Michelle Bryant – 4-year term to expire 4-30-2029 (3rd term)

Mary Toepfer – 4-year term to expire 4-30-2029 (3rd term)

Youth Leadership Advisory Board

Jenna Brull (Thomas More Prep-Marian High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (2nd term)

Reghan Byer (Thomas More Prep-Marian High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (1st term)

Mario Edward Hernandez, Jr. (Hays High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (1st term)

Preston Mermis (Thomas More Prep-Marian High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (3rd term)

Elizabeth Nickell (Hays High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (1st term)

Eliana Pineda (Hays High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (1st term)

Erin Ruder (Hays High School) - 1-year term to expire 4-30-2026 (2nd term)

PERSON/STAFF MEMBER(S) MAKING PRESENTATION:

Sandy Jacobs, Mayor

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Applications



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Committee Application

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| Email Address | shelleybryant78@yahoo.com |
| Date | 12/17/2024 |
| Name | Michelle Bryant |
| Address | 2200 General Custer Rd |
| City | Hays |
| State | Kansas |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 785-650-4899 |
| Evening Phone | 785-650-4899 |
| Place of Employment | Fort Hays State University |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 25 years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Hays Public Library Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | 10-15 hours |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I have been on the Hays Public Library board for the past 6-7 years. I enjoy being a part of this board and feel I have contributed to the growth, outside knowledge, and development of the Hays Public Library. As a citizen of Hays with old and young children the library is an asset to our community and I hope to help keep it around and thriving. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Hays Lions Club, Girl Scouts, events and activities at the public and private schools (Holy Family Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Hays Middle School, Hays High School), events and activities with Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Joseph's Catholic churches. |



Committee Application

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| Email Address | mtoepfer430@gmail.com |
| Date | 1/10/2025 5:30 PM |
| Name | Mary Toepfer |
| Address | 1303 Washington Circle |
| City | Hays |
| State | KS |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 7856503399 |
| Evening Phone | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Place of Employment | Retired |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 50 years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Hays Public Library Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | 10-15 hours or more if needed |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | As a current member of the Hays Public Library Board, I am familiar with library business. Moving forward to support the Ellis County Library, I will have the background knowledge of this process and the importance of the decision to the taxpayers of Ellis County. Also, decisions and reasons behind the move to withdraw from the Central Kansas Library System are familiar. I am a library user and am proud to have been a board member during the renovations and improvements made to our library. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Working in education for 28 years provided insight into the workings of schools and the requirements of education along with the opportunity to see students become adults. I am active at St. Nicholas Church, helping during masses, serving on the Finance Council and chairing the Funeral Dinner Committee. Attending events at Fort Hays State, local schools, the Hays Symphony, and the Hays Arts Council provides cultural community involvement. |



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| Email Address | jennabruall@gmail.com |
| Date | 3/26/2025 3:15 PM |
| Name | Jenna Brull |
| Address | 4100 Truman Circle |
| City | Hays |
| State | KS |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 7856564371 |
| Evening Phone | 7856564371 |
| Place of Employment | n/a |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 17 years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | 15 hours |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I want to inspire change and community involvement in my city. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Youth Action Council, Youth Leadership Advisory Board, CYO, garden club |



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| Email Address | reghanbyer@gmail.com |
| Date | 3/5/2025 7:45 AM |
| Name | Reghan Byer |
| Address | 2229 Clay Drive |
| City | Hays |
| State | KS |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | (785)-656-0501 |
| Evening Phone | (785)-656-0501 |
| Place of Employment | Walmart |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 16 years (my whole life) |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | The City of Hays Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | As much is needed from me. |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | Because it would be a great opportunity to get more involved with my community. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | I am a part of key club at TMP-Marian, I have been in Girl Scouts since I was very young, I have also participated in many mission trips with my church. |



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Committee Application

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| Email Address | mariohernandezjr793@gmail.com |
| Date | 3/27/2025 3:30 PM |
| Name | Mario Edward Hernandez Jr |
| Address | 600 E 17th St |
| City | Hays |
| State | KS |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 7853659216 |
| Evening Phone | 7853659216 |
| Place of Employment | Fuzzy's Taco Shop |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | ~7 years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | As much time as needed |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I believe the city of Hays sometimes makes choices that directly affect us but never ask for our input. It is important for democracy that everyone has some level of input, even if we can't vote. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Student council, Brain Freeze 5k, Lifeguarding, Football, other volunteer work |



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Committee Application

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| Email Address | 26ermisp@tmpmarian.org |
| Date | 9/9/2007 |
| Name | Preston E. Mermis |
| Address | 1705 Douglas Drive |
| City | Hays |
| State | Kansas |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 785-259-7373 |
| Evening Phone | 785-259-7373 |
| Place of Employment | N/A |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 17 Years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | City of Hays Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | As much time as permits outside of school and extracurricular activites, evenings and weekends. |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I have always been interested and active in my community. I hope that my perspective as a current and inaugural member of the Youth Leadership Advisory Board will continue to benefit the board's continued growth and success. I continue to seek to improve and aid my community in many different ways, I hope my experiences and commitment can continue to serve this city as a member of the City of Hays Youth Leadership Advisory Board. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | City of Hays Youth Leadership Advisory Board; 2 terms City of Hays Fire Department; Explorer Post 1893 City of Hays, City Band City of Wilson, City Band TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter President TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Theatrical+General Production Team; Tech |

Manager
TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Garden Club
TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Forensics+Debate
TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Golf Team
TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Campus Ministry; Co Sacristan
TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School; Student Council (STUCO); JH 2 years, HS 3 years.
Boy Scouts of America; Troop 133; Hays, KS
Boy Scouts of America; Coronado Area Council; Order of the Arrow (OA), Kidi Kidish Lodge 434, Vice Chief of Administration.



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| Email Address | willownickell@gmail.com |
| Date | 3/27/2025 3:00 PM |
| Name | Elizabeth Nickell |
| Address | 1801 Main Street |
| City | Hays |
| State | Kansas |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 970-584-4586 |
| Evening Phone | 970-584-4586 |
| Place of Employment | N/A |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | 4 years |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Youth Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | 5-15 hours |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I am interested in serving on the committee because I want to make an impact on the community. I think I have a unique perspective, as someone who has lived around the US and in Ukraine, and I think my skillset can be valuable. Seeing the Hays community thrive & grow is very important to me. |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | Hays Public Library - Teen Advisory Board (T.A.Bs) Hays High Musical 2023-2024, 2024-2025 Hays High Play 2023-2024, 2024-2025 Hays High Chamber Singers Co-president of Hays High Pen Pal club Member of Writing, Reading, World Language, Honors German Society, and Art club. Volunteer at Defiance Trivia nights with the FHSU history club and more. |



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| Email Address | eliana.pineda10@icloud.com |
| Date | 8/12/2010 |
| Name | Eliana Pineda |
| Address | 2718 Willow Street |
| City | Hays |
| State | Kansas |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Evening Phone | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Place of Employment | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | About 3 years (from October of 2021) |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | City of Hays Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | I can devote my time on the weekends (this is due to sports commitments and activities) |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | No |
| If Yes, Explain: | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I am interested in serving on a Board for the City of Hays because I want to contribute to the community of our small town (or city). I want to get the experience of planning and hosting events for our community. Doing such activities without any pay will also build responsibility and "giving without expecting anything in return" sort of morals. Being apart of a Board for the City of Hays will also shape me into a more well-rounded person by giving to the community. I have also never participated in any sort of community service and would be overjoyed for the opportunity to be involved in that kind of service. I also would like to showcase my dedication and commitment to our city and all those who live in it by giving back to them. Since I have not been in the City of Hays for the longest of times, this is the first group or activity I have applied for. However, I am involved in several sports such as Cross Country, Wrestling, and |

Swimming. I feel that this gives me more edge in the application since sports have made me dedicated to the activities I aspire to do and it makes me a team player. I will always support the fellow Board members and sponsors.

Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community.

None



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| Email Address | erinryannruder@gmail.com |
| Date | 1/26/2008 |
| Name | Erin Ruder |
| Address | 4502 Van Buren Dr. |
| City | Hays |
| State | KS |
| Zip Code | 67601 |
| Daytime Phone | 785-432-3789 |
| Evening Phone | 785-432-3789 |
| Place of Employment | Homestead of Hays and Hays High School as a student |
| How long have you been a Resident of Hays? | Since Birth |
| Name of Board(s) you are interested in serving on: | Youth Leadership Advisory Board |
| How much time could you devote per month? | As much as needed |
| Are you related to anyone who is currently serving on a Board/Committee? | Yes |
| If Yes, Explain: | Mason Ruder is my brother |
| Briefly describe why you are interested in serving on a Board/Committee for the City of Hays. | I love being able to make a difference in the community |
| Please list any groups or activities that you participate in, or have previously participated in, that demonstrates your involvement in the community. | YLAB in the past, cheer, jana's campaign, options. leadership team, environmental club, stuco, chamber singers, and musical |



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**City Commission Meeting
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

MEETING DATE: 4-10-2025

TOPIC:

Update from the Youth Leadership Advisory Board

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Youth Leadership Advisory Board will give an update on current projects.

NARRATIVE:

N/A

PERSON/STAFF MEMBER(S) MAKING PRESENTATION:

Youth Leadership Advisory Board

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

None



City Commission Meeting AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

MEETING DATE: 4-10-2025

TOPIC:

2024 Audit

ACTION REQUESTED:

Accept the 2024 Audit for the City of Hays as presented by Adams Brown.

NARRATIVE:

As required by Kansas Statute, the City of Hays hires an outside firm to conduct an annual audit of City finances. The audit represents an unbiased opinion of business practices and the financial soundness of all City funds. Staff of Adams Brown will be here to present the 2024 Audit.

PERSON/STAFF MEMBER(S) MAKING PRESENTATION:

Adams Brown Staff

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2024 Audit as presented.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A