

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Eber Phelps, Shaun Musil, James Meier, Henry Schwaller IV, John Bird,  
Toby Dougherty and Kim Rupp

Absent: Lance Jones

**February 4, 2016 Work Session Notes**

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on February 4, 2016; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**North Central Kansas Technical College Big Creek Technical Training Center Annual Report**

Eric Burks, President of North Central Kansas Technical College (NCK Tech) and Sandy Gottschalk, Dean of the Hays campus, presented the sixth annual report summarizing the activities at the Big Creek Technical Training Center housed at 101 South Main Street. Annual reporting is a requirement of their contract with the City of Hays for their utilization of space at the former Army Reserve facility, which is owned by the City.

Mr. Burks stated the students are working on their annual project, the 1,920 square foot carpentry house, which is constructed throughout the school year, and will be sold at an auction on campus on May 21, 2016.

Vicki Hubin, with the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC), updated the Commissioners on a project NCK Tech has assisted them with. WKCAC is an organization that works with physically and sexually abused children or children who witness a violent crime. WKCAC covers 32 counties in Western Kansas and their home office is in Scott City. In December, with the help of NCK Tech students and instructors, they began renovating the former Quiznos building at 135 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street as a new Hays location.

## **Comprehensive Financial Management Policy Review**

Finance Director, Kim Rupp, presented the annual Comprehensive Financial Management Policy (CFMP) Review. The CFMP consists of 13 categories; the 13<sup>th</sup> category is policy review and requires an annual written status report concerning the City's compliance with the thirteen categories. Mr. Rupp stated overall staff is comfortable that every attempt was made to comply with the Policy.

The review is for informational purposes only. It is not necessary for the Commissioners to take any action on the review.

Commissioner Schwaller suggested a future discussion to consider changing the financial policy to state that if a future sales tax is passed, the money earned from that new sales tax be saved to off set any adverse effect from the increase and impact on the City. He stated given the current economic instability and the impact that extending or adding a sales tax would have on the community, he feels it would be wise to hold onto those dollars for a while and boost the City's rainy day fund.

## **Other Items for Discussion**

Commissioner Musil suggested a discussion be held at a future work session to consider changing an ordinance prohibiting alcohol on city streets.

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated there is currently a blanket prohibition on alcohol on any streets city wide. He does have the discretion to close down a street for an event, but does not have the discretion to allow alcohol in a specific area. He stated that he, along with the Police Chief and City Attorney, would research the state laws on the subject and bring the information back to the Commission for consideration.

Chairperson Phelps commented he had the honor of welcoming a Chinese delegation that flew into Hays. The delegation of eight had toured the Cessna plant in Wichita and were viewing the sport aircraft at the Rans hanger.

The work session was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk