

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
March 1, 2007

Present: Wayne Billinger, Barbara Wasinger, Henry Schwaller IV, Kent Steward,
John Bird, Randy Gustafson

Absent: Troy Hickman

Larks Baseball

Mel Karst, Ivan Sanders, and Frank Leo, representing the Hays Baseball Association (HBA), appeared before the Commission to discuss funding solutions the City of Hays may be able to offer to the group. HBA runs four baseball programs and had a net income loss in 2006 of \$9,266 and is projecting a \$24,000 deficit in 2007.

Commissioner Steward stated that the Larks baseball program is a large part of our community and he is open to helping them out one time, but would like to know what other measures the group is taking.

Mr. Karst stated that the group plans to have several more fundraising activities in 2007 with hopes of making enough money to cover the projected deficit. Additionally, HBA is planning to make cuts in the younger program. HBA has been in existence for many years and hopefully will continue for many more. HBA is in a low spot right now; if they can get out of the rut they are in, he feels that in a couple of years they would be self sufficient again.

Mr. Leo stated he is trying to establish fundraising programs that will extend beyond 2007.

Chairperson Billinger agreed with Commissioner Steward about helping the HBA. This is one of the quality of life community issues that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Wasinger stated she is not opposed to providing one-time assistance, however, she feels the group should also contact the Hays Recreation Commission.

City Manager Randy Gustafson suggested that HBA try to get some corporate sponsorship for the Larks team.

Mr. Karst stated that HBA would be appreciative of any amount the City could contribute to the group.

The Commissioners will consider a request for \$25,000 at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting.

2007 Street Maintenance Program

The City Manager reviewed the street maintenance projects planned for 2007. The Commissioners will consider approval of the locations of the repairs at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting.

Engineering Services for 4-Inch Waterline Upgrades

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution approving the issuance of Water and Sewage System Revenue Bonds for waterline upgrades in 2007 at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting.

Automated Refuse Truck Bids

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a bid from Downing Sales, Phillipsburg, Missouri, in the amount of \$458,553 for three automated refuse collection trucks at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting. One of the current refuse trucks will be equipped with a cart tipper for use as a recycling truck and backup for the automated trucks. The two remaining refuse trucks will be modified for use as dump trucks in lieu of purchasing two new dump trucks.

Tree Removal Bids – Frontier Park

The Commissioners will be requested to approve bids submitted by four licensed tree removal companies for tree and stump removal in Frontier Park at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting.

Hays Aquatic Park Repair Expenses

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the use of Pool Contingency funds in the amount of \$16,300 for repairs at Hays Aquatic Park. Most of the items in need of repair occurred after the budget was approved for 2007. The 2007 Budget set aside \$12,000 for other repairs at the facility.

Action will be taken at the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting.

Executive Session

Barbara Wasinger moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:46 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss union negotiations. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is in the public's best interest not to reveal the City's position during negotiations.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger

Barbara Wasinger

Henry Schwaller IV

Kent Steward

Chairperson Billinger called the work session back to order at 6:53 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk