

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
March 2, 2006

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

Emergency Shelter Grant

First Call for Help and Ellis County Ministerial Alliance have requested that the City of Hays apply on their behalf to the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation for an Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$28,000. The grant is to be applied for by the City, which in turn, will contract with First Call for Help to administer the grant. The grant monies would be utilized for homeless prevention, including conditional payments to prevent evictions and utilities shut-offs.

The Commissioners will be requested to formally approve the application at the March 9, 2006 Commission meeting.

CVB Building – Charter Ordinance for Transient Guest Tax

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a Charter Ordinance for Transient Guest Tax at the March 9, 2006 Commission meeting. The ordinance would remove the set percentage of tax and levy a tax at a rate to be set by ordinary ordinance.

Ellis County Waterline

Ellis County has requested that the City install a waterline to the Ellis County Fairgrounds so that they can install a sprinkler system in two buildings that they are connecting. They would like to have this done so that the Shrine Bowl banquet can be held in the facility in August 2007.

Loren Zimmerman, Ellis County Fair Board president, was present to discuss the project.

City Manager Gustafson stated that the County must complete the necessary engineering before the Commissioners can make any decisions regarding the waterline.

Use of Army Reserve Center

The City will be receiving the Army Reserve Center building on south Main this fall as a result of an exchange agreement with the United States Army. For several years it has been discussed moving the City's administrative offices to the Army Reserve Center at such time as the City receives the building.

The City Manager was directed to put together some design and cost estimates for remodeling the building for the Commissioners' review.

Executive Session

Barbara Wasinger moved, Wayne Billinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:00 p.m. for 50 minutes to discuss land negotiations, franchise agreements, union negotiations, and intergovernmental agreements. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is the public's best interest not to reveal the City's position during negotiations and discussions involving intergovernmental agreements.

Vote: Ayes: Kent Steward
Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV

Chairperson Steward called the meeting back to order at 6:50 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk