

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
March 6, 2008

Present: Troy Hickman, Barbara Wasinger, Ron Mellick, Christopher Channell, Allan Lytton, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

**1. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bids**

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a bid in the amount of \$83,044.00 for 26 self contained apparatus submitted by Conrad Fire Equipment, Olathe, KS at the March 13, 2008 Commission meeting.

Clayton Meyers, representing Hays Fire Equipment, addressed the Commissioners about the bids. Hays Fire Equipment submitted a bid of \$90,388. He urged the Commissioners to consider accepting the local bid; Conrad does not pay taxes in Ellis County, and furthermore, Hays Fire Equipment would be able to service the equipment locally, whereas the equipment would need to be sent to Olathe for servicing at an extra cost if Conrad's bid is accepted.

Commissioner Wasinger stated that the Commissioners want to keep the City's business local; however, if the low bid is not accepted, no one will want to bid.

**Group Daycare Centers in C-1, C-2 and C-3 Zoning Districts**

City staff recommended that group daycare centers, as defined in the City of Hays Zoning Regulations, be considered an allowable use within the C-1, C-2, and C-3 zoning districts of Hays and the surrounding three-mile jurisdiction, without the issuance of a special use permit.

The Commissioners will be requested to take formal action on this recommendation at the March 13, 2008 Commission meeting.

## **Development Policy Update**

The Development Policy was reviewed by the Hays Area Planning Commission and several minor changes to the Policy were suggested. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed changes to the appeal process, alley right-of-way widths and improved surfaces, and parks in new developments.

## **500 Block of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Request for Access Gates**

Larry Schmidt, owner of Schmidt Monument, has made a request to install access gates immediately east of Milner Street on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The City does not maintain a surface on East 9<sup>th</sup> east of Milner. Allowing the adjacent property owners the right to control access to this area of public right-of-way by a gate, supplied, installed, and maintained by the adjacent property owners, would not hinder the City's access to or maintenance of utility infrastructure located within the right of way.

Commissioner Mellick stated he looked at the area in question and found quite a few violations on the property. He would like the violations taken care of before the gate is installed. Additionally, he is concerned that if the neighboring property is sold, the new owner may not want the area gated off.

Larry Schmidt stated the purpose of the gates would be to keep vehicle traffic out; quite a bit of vandalism and partying goes on in that area. He has contacted all of the property owners that have an interest and everyone wants to keep the people out at night who have no business being there. The gates would be open during the day.

The City Attorney will draft a resolution to allow the installation of the access gates. This item will be on the March 13, 2008 agenda for approval.

The work session was adjourned.

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

City Clerk