

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
March 16, 2006

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

Tour of Hays Public Library Facility

The Commissioners toured the Hays Public Library facility prior to the start of the work session.

Sale of Hangar E-7 – Hays Regional Airport

Dave Britting would like to sell Hangar E-7 at the Hays Regional Airport to Diehl Oil, Inc. for \$15,000. The City has first option to purchase the hangar.

Terry Urban, Airport Manager, recommended approving the sale of the hangar to Diehl Oil and having a lease signed with them for space rental.

The Commissioners will be requested to formally approve the sale of Hanger E-7 to Diehl Oil, Inc. at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting.

Wilson Pool

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a bid for a new pump/motor assembly at Wilson Pool at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting. The low bid did not meet the specifications. It is City policy to present the bids to the Commissioners for approval of the second lowest bid.

Bids for Sod Cutter

The Commissioners will be requested to formally approve a bid from RSC, Hays, Kansas, for a Blue Bird Sod Cutter at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting. The bid submitted by RSC is \$7 higher than the

competing bid, however, RSC is a local vendor, therefore, staff recommended accepting the bid from RSC.

Annexation Agreement – 1498 West 27th Street

The owner of property located at 1498 West 27th Street has requested an amendment to the annexation agreement that was originally approved in July 2003. The original agreement allowed for the connection of one residential structure to the City sanitary sewer system. The new owner of the property now wants to add a “guest house” on the property for his elderly mother to live in. It will be necessary to tie the new structure into the sanitary sewer line that crosses the property. The second structure will be billed for a separate tap and service on a monthly basis.

The Commissioners will be requested to formally approve the amendment to the annexation at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting.

Storm Water Projects – 319 Grant Application

Federal/EPA money, administered through the KDHE, is available annually in the form of a 319 Grant to reduce non-point source pollution, and may be available to the City to assist in funding projects which would improve storm water quality. The Grant requires 40% of the total cost to be a non-federal match, which could be a combination of in-kind labor, property acquisition, other funding sources and conservation practices. The Grant would be applied for the areas generally north of I-70.

Staff at the Public Works Department will apply for the Grant.

Street Maintenance Program

In October 2005, City staff presented a 5-year Street Maintenance Program to the City Commission. Public Works Director Brenda Herrman reviewed the 2006 Street Maintenance Program with the Commissioners. The crack seal and polypatch operations have already begun and are nearing completion. Material quantities actually used are running under the estimates;

some additional streets may be able to be maintained if material is left over. High Plains Sand is scheduled to mill and overlay in May. Proseal is scheduled to seal coat in June, and APAC is scheduled to chip seal in June as well.

It is estimated that there will be approximately \$142,639 left over in the 2006 budget to perform additional street repair. The Commissioners discussed various streets throughout Hays that are in need of repair or reconstruction and will formally approve which streets will be scheduled for repair at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting.

Citywide Traffic Study Recommendations

On January 13, 2005, Phase 4 of the Citywide Traffic Study was presented to the City Commission and accepted. Under the Arterial and Collector Analysis section of the Study, there are numerous recommendations that have not yet been implemented.

Brenda Herrman, Public Works Director, discussed a spreadsheet separated into three categories, with each category prioritized. The first category listed projects that would need to be outsourced, the second category listed projects that can be completed in-house, and the third category listed projects that staff has completed or are in the process of completing.

Staff requested direction on the 26th/27th and Ash intersection. The waterline along Ash Street is scheduled for improvement in 2006. Improvements to the intersection could be added to this project.

Discussion was held about closing off 26th Street with a cul-de-sac at the west end where it runs into Ash Street. Staff plans to visit with the people living in the neighborhood before any final plans are made.

The Commissioners discussed changing East 13th Street from Milner to Vine to a 3-lane roadway, traffic calming on Wheatland Drive, as well as constructing auxiliary lanes on 8th Street at entrances leading to Fort Hays State University. The Commissioners will take formal action directing staff on how to proceed at the March 23, 2006 Commission meeting.

Petition for Transfer of Seven Hills Park

A petition was received from citizens that encouraged USD 489 to consider the transfer of property located at 33rd and Canal, known as Seven Hills Park, to the City of Hays for expansion of the Seven Hills Park.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk