

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
April 5, 2012

Present: Barbara Wasinger, Troy Hickman, Kent Steward, Henry Schwaller IV, Ron Mellick, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

**Hays Neighbors Association's Sidewalk Request**

Paul Wildeman, treasurer of Hays Neighbors Association, appeared before the Commission to discuss the possibility of the City's participation in the Safe Routes to Schools program. The Association has been looking for ways to fund sidewalk repair in the area around Fort Hays State University. This federally funded program is administered through the State of Kansas and consists of two phases. The second phase must be administered by either the City of Hays or USD 489.

The consensus of the Commissioners was to not participate in this project, mainly because it is not the City's responsibility to maintain the sidewalks; it is the property owner's responsibility. Additionally, the City does not have the staff to oversee such a project.

**Adoption of Ellis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

As required by state and federal authorities, Ellis County is requesting that each jurisdiction in the county adopt the Ellis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan specifies the measures that a community may use to reduce the risk from natural disasters. By adopting the Plan, developed with City staff assistance, the City is eligible for future hazard mitigation grant funding that may become available.

The Commissioners will be requested to formally approve adoption of the Ellis County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan at the April 12, 2012 Commission meeting.

### **Lining of Metal Storm Sewer – Award of Bid**

At the April 12, 2012 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the bid submitted by Blue Nile, in the amount of \$378,096.55, for storm sewer pipe lining projects in various locations throughout the City.

### **Vine Street Ditch Repairs – Award of Bid**

Ditches along Vine Street between 48<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Street are experiencing significant erosion. The ditches need to be stabilized in order to prevent erosion and protect infrastructure such as light poles and the roadway itself from being undermined. Permanent turf reinforcement mat appears to be the cheapest aesthetically acceptable option for stabilizing these ditches.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the bid submitted by CPB Materials, in the amount of \$22,308, to repair the ditches at the April 12, 2012 Commission meeting.

### **Economic Development Policy**

Proposed changes to the Economic Development Policy were presented to the Commissioners at the March 22, 2012 Commission meeting for approval. Action was not taken at that meeting and the issue was tabled. The concerns voiced at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were in regard to the tax abatement matrix table, specifically the allowable abatement percentage and necessary capital investment for the second half of the matrix (All Other Business Types).

Discussion was held about the matrix table and suggestions were made. Staff will present a new table for the Commission's review at the April 19, 2012 work session.

### **City Commission Rules of Procedure**

At the April 12, 2012 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution which adopts the Rules of Procedure, which is done every year when the Commission reorganizes.

**Hays Regional Airport Runway Project**

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that past projects at the Airport were funded with a 95%-5% split with the Federal Aviation Administration. Due to recent legislative changes, the participating agency's share has risen to 10%. The revised estimate for the reconstruction of Runway 16-34 is \$9 million; it will cost the City approximately \$900,000 to fund its share. Requests for Bids will be issued with bid opening scheduled for May 2, 2012.

The work session was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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

Doris Wing – City Clerk