

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
April 16, 2009

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

Absent: Ron Mellick

2009 Waterline Upgrades

At the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the low bid submitted by Olsson Associates, in the amount of \$26,870, for professional services for various waterline improvements as authorized by Resolution No. 2009-008, which was approved by the City Commission on March 26, 2009.

Netmotion Cellular Data Project Proposals

At the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the following bids to provide data to mobile data terminals in police vehicles:

Netmotion: software and server	\$15,407
Nex-tech: dedicated internet connection	840
Nex-tech: security gateway & installation	4,066
Nex-tech: cellular air cards & service	<u>21,000</u>
Total Cost:	\$41,313

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application

Chad Ruder, Information Technology Coordinator, plans to apply for a grant on behalf of the City for the purchase of a system to provide data connection to police vehicles as described in the previous work session item.

This grant is funded through the recent Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, better known as the Stimulus Plan. As part of the requirement for this grant, the Governing Body must have this application provided to them for review.

Loss of Stockton Inmate Labor

The City of Hays has used inmate labor for the past several years to perform various tasks; however, the Stockton Correctional Facility is scheduled for closure. As of March 20, 2009, inmate labor has not been available for the City's use. The City paid for the annual salary and benefits (\$45,000) for one Stockton Correctional Facility guard to provide supervision of three to seven inmates working approximately 30 hours per week.

Jeff Boyle, Director of Parks, requested to add four seasonal positions to the Parks Department to cover jobs previously done by the inmates. This will result in an annual seasonal budget increase of \$27,200 based upon each of the four seasonal employees working 800 hours at \$8.50 per hour. Around 2003/2004, the number of seasonal positions was reduced by three due to budget cuts and the positions have never been replaced. Year-to-date expenditures for the Stockton Correctional Facility guard are \$10,404.38, leaving a balance of \$34,595.62 that could be used to cover the costs of the seasonal employees for the 2009 season.

The Service Department will be requesting additional overtime hours in the 2010 and subsequent budgets to compensate for the loss of inmate hours that had been used for crack sealing and recycling.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve this request at the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting.

Bridge Inspection Update

The Federal Bridge Inventory and Appraisal Regulations require the bi-annual inspection of bridges within the City of Hays and Ellis County. The City partners with Ellis County to have these inspections performed. In November 2008, Ellis County selected KAW Valley Engineers to perform bridge inspection

services at a cost of \$69 per bridge; the City cost for the inspection of 19 bridges is \$1,311. The 19 bridges within the City are in relatively good condition. Bridge deck repairs over Montgomery ditch at 8th Street are scheduled for repair this summer. The two new bridges on 22nd Street from Canterbury to Commerce Parkway were not included in the inspection; however, will be in the future.

Award of Bid for Pavement Breaker

At the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the low bid of \$89,427 submitted by Logan Contractors Supply for a pavement breaker to be used by the Service Division to complete street maintenance projects scheduled each year. It will also be utilized by the Utilities Department for emergency repairs.

Award of Bid for Loader for Parks Department

At the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the low bid of \$125,000 submitted by Berry Tractor for a loader to be used by the Parks Department.

Award of Bid for Pool Grates at the Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool

Every pool in the nation must comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act. This Act requires that a certified pool engineer assess and test pool grates to see if the grates meet standard tests. Jim Sullivan from Sullivan, Palmer and Associates has completed an analysis of our facilities in order to determine what would be required in order to become compliant with the VGB Act. It will be necessary to upgrade/replace grates at the Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool per ANSI standards as outlined in the VGB Act. Bids have been solicited from pool builders and will be opened April 22, 2009.

Parks Director Jeff Boyle discussed the estimated costs of the project (\$25,000). Bids have been solicited from pool builders and will be opened April 22, 2009. Mr. Boyle would like to have the Commissioners approve the winning bid at the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting. If a bid is approved at that

meeting, staff believes that the Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool will be opened on time. The grates will be paid for out of the Pool Reserve Fund.

Replacement of Frog Slide Components at Hays Aquatic Park

At the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the purchase of new frog tongue slide components for an amount of \$5,847 from WaterPark Experts, Inc. This purchase will be paid for out of the Pool Reserve Fund. The existing slide is in a state of disrepair and is unsafe to use.

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Water & Sewer System Revenue Bonds Series 2009-A

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution authorizing the sale of Water & Sewer System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000 at the April 23, 2009 Commission meeting. The proceeds from the bond sale will be used to pay for various water line upgrades, repair and repainting of the 1 million gallon water tower, and improvements/upgrades/replacements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Other Items for Discussion

City Manager Toby Dougherty stated that work crews are now in the process of micro-surfacing 27th, 13th and Hall Street.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

