

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
May 1, 2008

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

Economic Development Performance Audit Report

Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development Director Mike Michaelis reviewed the Legislative Post Audit Economic Development Performance Report with the Commissioners. The Report was regarding the amount of money spent on economic development at the federal, state and local levels and its impact on the economy.

Hays Recreation Commission (HRC) Building Expansion

Roger Bixenman, Director of the Hays Recreation Commission (HRC), presented information regarding the proposed expansion of the Hays Recreation Commission building located at 1105 Canterbury Drive. HRC would like to expand in order to better serve the public. Some areas in the present facility would be re-purposed and the new space would be used for multi-purpose rooms, aerobic rooms, as well as offering wellness activities in the expansion area.

Mr. Bixenman stated that because the building sits on City property it is necessary to seek City approval for the expansion.

Further discussion on this issue will be held at the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

Fireworks Resolution

In January 2008, the City Commission approved a modification of the fireworks ordinance to allow the City to set certain days and hours for the use of fireworks within the city limits. Yearly, a resolution would be approved that would set those dates. The intent was to coordinate the use of fireworks with Ellis County for uniform enforcement.

Police Chief Jim Braun reported the County will not make a recommendation until the end of May or the first part of June and will base their recommendation on pasture conditions and rainfall. The Ellis County Sheriff and Ellis County Rural Fire Chief have both indicated that they most likely will recommend that fireworks be allowed July 3, 4 and 5th. Police Chief Braun proposed a time limitation of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the 3rd and 5th and 8 a.m. to midnight on the 4th.

Further discussion on this issue will be held at the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

Final Plat of Tallgrass 3rd Addition

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the Final Plat of Tallgrass 3rd Addition at the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

Discussion of Next City/County Joint Meeting

The Commissioners were in agreement with City Manager Toby Dougherty's recommendation to set a date for a future joint meeting with Ellis County Commissioners. Staff will attempt to find a date that will work for both entities.

Executive Session

Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:22 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss union negotiations and personnel issues. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City

Attorney. K.S. A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive sessions for the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Mellick

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 6:32 p.m.

Allan Lytton moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:33 p.m. for an additional three minutes to further discuss union negotiations and personnel issues.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Mellick

Chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 6:36 p.m. She stated no action was taken in either executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk