

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
May 18, 2006

Present: Kent Steward, Troy Hickman, Barbara Wasinger, Henry Schwaller IV,
Kent Steward, Randy Gustafson

Fire Truck Purchase

The 2006 budget includes \$185,000 as the first half of the funding needed to replace the 1974 pumper-ladder fire truck. The old fire truck is 32 years old and its parts are obsolete, as well as its mission and safety are obsolete and it is overdue for replacement. Based on a two-year project, the total funding planned for this replacement fire truck is \$370,000.

City staff advertised a Request for Proposals and only one proposal submitted by Hays Fire Equipment was within the established budget limit. Staff began negotiations with Hays Fire Equipment to determine a final proposal for the fire truck at a cost of \$369,992. This price includes the trade-in of the 1974 fire truck and a \$2,838 discount for pre-payment of the chassis when delivered to the fire truck manufacturer's factory.

The Commissioners will be requested to take formal action on this matter at the May 25, 2006 Commission meeting.

North Hays Addition, Resolution for Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution authorizing sanitary sewer improvements and the establishment of a special benefit district for property in the area along General Hays Road north of 48th Street at the May 25, 2006 Commission meeting.

Business License Ordinance

The City Attorney prepared drafts of two ordinances relating to business licensing. The first draft is to repeal Title Five (5), Chapter 5.16, known as the Transient Merchant Ordinance. The second draft ordinance would provide for licensing of all businesses within the city limits of Hays.

Further discussion on this issue will take place at a future work session.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Schwaller requested that the Animal Ordinance be discussed at a future work session.

Executive Session

Troy Hickman moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 5:45 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss negotiations with the Hays Recreation Commission, union negotiations, and water issues. The justification for the executive session was that it is in the public's best interest to not reveal the City's position during negotiations. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, and the Finance Director/City Clerk.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Troy Hickman
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

Chairperson Billinger called the meeting back to order at 6:05 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

City Attorney John Bird joined the work session. He updated the Commissioners on the public hearing being conducted this week by the Division of Water Resources regarding the City's request to expand the Schoenchen wellfield and relocate several of the City wells.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk