

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
June 19, 2008

Present: Barbara Wasinger, Ron Mellick, Allan Lytton, John Bird, Mark Loughry

2009 Budget Presentations

Representatives from the following agencies presented their organization's funding requests for 2009:

- Sister Cities Advisory Board \$ 10,500
- Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development 170,000
- RPM Speedway 10,000

Hays Aquatic Park Sign Design

Funding in the amount of \$26,800 was approved in January 2008 for the installation of a digital LED sign in front of the Hays Aquatic Park. The cost of the sign is to be paid out of the Pool Reserve Fund.

Parks Director Jeff Boyle stated that consideration has been given to having a sign similar to the sign at the Welcome Center, which incorporated signage developed through the Wayfinding Design project; however, it would cost \$7,700 or \$12,100 more, depending on whether a single or multi-color LED sign is chosen.

This item will be placed on the June 26, 2008 Commission meeting agenda for further discussion.

Animal Shelter Contract with Humane Society of the High Plains

Police Chief Jim Braun reviewed the 2009 Animal Shelter Contract with the Humane Society of the High Plains. The financial compensation package agreed upon will continue as a "Pay for Services" contract. The City of Hays will

pay for the purchase of Bordetella vaccine for City impounded animals at the shelter in 2009 at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the contract at the June 26, 2008 Commission meeting.

City Well C-20TA – Memorandum of Understanding with KDHE

For many years, a remediation well named C-20TA has been used in the clean-up of dry cleaning chemicals which contaminated a public water supply well. Through testing, KDHE has reported that the contaminants are under control and KDHE no longer has a use for this well. City staff would like to keep the well as a back-up for City Well C-20 to insure that sufficient water is going to the pack tower in the event C-20 experiences a lengthy down time due to repair.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with KDHE allowing the City to assume the operation and maintenance of the remediation well at the June 26, 2008 Commission meeting.

27th Street – Striping Three-lane from Plum to Hall

Commissioner Mellick requested staff look at the feasibility of re-striping 27th Street to a three-lane configuration from Plum to Hall. This issue was addressed in the 2004 City Wide Traffic Study conducted by HWS Consultants. The report looked at the entire 27th Street corridor and recommended re-striping the corridor to be a consistent 3-lane section from Fort to Englewood, with an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$20,000. Parking is already prohibited along the north side of 27th Street; however, parking is allowed along the south side of 27th Street from Plum to Hall and would need to be eliminated if the change to a 3-lane configuration is pursued.

Commissioner Mellick stated that during the day there is not a problem; however, in the mornings, noon, and at 5:00 p.m. there is a problem with people trying to make left-hand turns. There have been numerous accidents along that stretch of 27th Street.

Commissioner Lytton suggested that the people living in that area be allowed to voice any concerns they may have before the Commission makes any decisions.

Assistant City Manager Mark Loughry stated the City will be contacting the residents in that area for their input.

Executive Session

Ron Mellick moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:20 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss attorney/client privileged information and possible land acquisition. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session for the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Allan Lytton

Chairperson Wasinger called the work session back to order. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk