

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
July 15, 2010

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

Revision of Smoke Free Environment Policy

Legislation passed by the Kansas Legislature prohibits smoking in all public buildings and vehicles and also imposes a 10-foot limit on smoking near entrances. Commissioners will be requested to approve an amended Smoke Free Environment Policy that complies with State law at the July 22, 2010 Commission meeting.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Members

At the July 22, 2010 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the following citizens for membership on the Stormwater Advisory Committee:

Mike Konz	Chris Schumacher	Rich Webb
Anne Elbert	Fred Kaufman	Dave Van Doren
Jim Schreiber	Jack Curtis	Ramie Wasinger

Sign Regulation Ordinance Changes:

Due to concerns about various signage that has been erected in the recent past, the Planning Commission has spent several months reviewing and discussing current sign regulations. Of particular concern were electronic LED signage and large billboard signs. The language found within the current regulations has remained primarily unchanged since the adoption of the regulations in 1973.

Jesse Rohr, Planning, Inspection and Enforcement Superintendent, reviewed the proposed changes. The Planning Commission has recommended that the sign ordinance be amended to include these changes.

At the July 22, 2010 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve an ordinance amending the sign regulations.

Water and Sewer Rates Resolutions

Resolutions setting water and sewer rates stipulate that rates shall be modified by increasing them 3% of the rate then existing, each successive year on January 1st. Staff has recommended that no rate increase be implemented for water and sewer in 2011. Existing water and sewer rates set through annual increases over the past two years have balanced operating and capital expenditures. Therefore, it is necessary for the Commissioners to approve two resolutions to set 2011 water and sewer rates without a 3% increase.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the resolutions at the July 22, 2010 Commission meeting.

2011 Budget Review

City Manager Toby Dougherty reviewed the 2011 Budget.

Commissioner Hickman expressed concern about the increase in the mill levy for the employee benefit fund, going from 9.135 mills in 2010 to 11.599 mills in 2011. Even though the mill levy is projected to be 25 mills, the same as last year, he feels this is the only area that he thinks can potentially realize any savings.

The Commissioners were in consensus to maintain outside agency funding at the same level as 2010. Two entities, the Ellis County Historical Society and the Sister Cities Advisory Board, requested slight increases.

At the July 22, 2010 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will set the date for a public hearing for the 2011 Budget.

Executive Session

Ron Mellick moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:17 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss property acquisition, labor negotiations, and attorney-client privileged information. 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 session to discuss the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Christopher Channell

Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

Chairperson Channell called the work session back to order at 7:47 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk