

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
July 17, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Henry Schwaller IV, Eber Phelps, Shaun Musil, Ron Mellick, John Bird,  
Toby Dougherty

Absent: Kent Steward

**July 3, 2014 Work Session Notes**

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on July 3, 2014; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Presentation from Chuck Comeau regarding Downtown Hotel Project**

Chuck Comeau, President of Liberty Group Inc., presented to the Commissioners his group's vision for a hotel and events center in downtown Hays. The \$15 million to \$17 million project is expected to open in the fall of 2016. No economic incentives were requested at this time; he would like to come back to the Commission at a later date when cost factors are solidified.

**Use of City Commission Financial Policy Projects Monies for Funding of United Express Marketing Campaign**

When the City Commission recommended the selection of SkyWest Airlines to the U.S. Department of Transportation, it obligated \$50,000 for marketing assistance. City staff would like the Commission to authorize \$25,000 of Financial Policy Projects monies for funding assistance of the initial United Express marketing campaign. This money will be coupled with dollars provided by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Airport marketing account, and the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development.

At the July 24, 2014 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be requested to approve the use of City Commission Financial Policy Projects monies for the funding of the United Express marketing campaign.

**2015 Budget Presentation**

City Manager Toby Dougherty reviewed the 2015 Budget with the Commissioners giving a brief explanation of various aspects of the budget. The 2015 Budget is a balanced budget, contains no additional employees, adequately funds reserves, and keeps the mill levy at 25.00.

At the July 24, 2014 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to set the date for a public hearing for the 2015 Budget to be held during the Commission meeting on August 14, 2014.

**Other Items for Discussion**

There were no other items for discussion.

The work session was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk