

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
August 2, 2007

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

Backup Public Service Answering Point

Addie Homburg, Ellis County Emergency Management Coordinator, and Ed Howell, Fort Hays State University (FHSU) Chief of Police, presented a program regarding a backup Public Service Answering Point (PSAP).

FHSU has made available space within their Police Department/Center for Public Safety for a backup PSAP/ secondary dispatch center. PSAP would be used if a complete failure of the existing dispatch in the Emergency Operation Center occurred during an emergency situation. The City of Hays, Ellis County, and FHSU have worked together to implement this partnership. There is no cost to the City to participate in this partnership. PSAP will be funded by Ellis County, FHSU, and with grant monies.

2008 Budget Review

City Manager Toby Dougherty reviewed the budget changes the Commissioners made during the July 26, 2007 Commission meeting. The levy will be 25 mills. The public hearing for the 2008 Budget will be held during the August 9, 2007 Commission meeting.

Planning Session Discussion

The City Manager requested a planning session be held on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. He would like to discuss future capital improvement plans and priorities for future years with the Commissioners.

Other Items for Discussion

City Manager Dougherty reported that Susie Billinger, Director of Human Resources, and the City of Hays have been awarded a 2007 Best Practice Agency Award from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources. This recognition is due to the City's innovative Paid Time Off program implemented in 2006.

The City Manager discussed Essential Air Services (EAS) funding from the United States Department of Transportation. The five cities of Garden City, Dodge City, Liberal, Great Bend, and Hays receive EAS funding. Every two years the five communities get together and recommend what carriers should receive the funding. For the first time in many years, the cities are not in agreement. All five communities recommend a continuation of Great Lakes service at the subsidy rate requested in their proposal for Denver service. For Kansas City service, Dodge City and Garden City are recommending a proposal submitted by Great Lakes which includes the possibility of service to Dallas. Hays is recommending the continuation of the existing Mesa service. Great Bend maintains a neutral position with regard to selection of the air carrier to provide Kansas City service, feeling both carriers are capable of providing the required service.

City Manager Dougherty stated that at this point it is in the Department of Transportation hands as to how they will award the EAS funding.

Executive Session

Barbara Wasinger moved, Allan Lytton seconded that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:30 p.m. for a period of 20 minutes to discuss property acquisition and labor relations. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is in the public's best interest not to reveal the City's position during negotiations.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Chairperson Hickman called the meeting back to order at 6:50 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk