

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
August 2, 2012

Present: Troy Hickman, Kent Steward, Ron Mellick, Barbara Wasinger, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

Absent: Henry Schwaller IV

Comprehensive Plan Presentation

In April 2011, the City contracted with RDG and Cook Flatt and Strobel to update the 1994 Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was guided by a Steering Committee consisting of 12 members. Over 30 public meetings were held providing multiple opportunities for citizen engagement and community group discussions. RDG studied the community's current and future economics, development, infrastructure, demographics, land use, housing, transportation, environmental resources and green spaces.

Amy Haase with RDG presented and discussed the Comprehensive Plan with the City Commissioners.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve an ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan at the August 23, 2012 Commission meeting.

Banking Services RFP

Golden Belt Bank, the City's current financial institution, implemented a new fee structure, which necessitated going out for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for banking services, per the Comprehensive Financial Management Policy. The most recent RFP resulted in three responses, the lowest estimated fees from Commerce Bank, at a total of \$34,408.60 over a four year period. Commerce also proposed no fee increases over that same four year term. The

fees are estimated for average ACH activity and collected balances at this point in time. This amount may and likely will fluctuate up or down over time based on our level of balances kept and ACH activity.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the proposal submitted by Commerce Bank at the August 9, 2012 Commission meeting.

2013 Budget Ordinance

State statute requires the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the increase in total dollars levied in any year it will exceed the previous year. The projected mill levy in dollars will increase for the 2013 budget over the 2012 amount; however, the total mill rate will remain at 25.00 mills for 2013.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve an ordinance authorizing the increase in total dollars at the August 9, 2012 Commission meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

City Manager Toby Dougherty reported on a meeting he attended regarding a low head dam study. He met with personnel from the Kansas Water Office, the Division of Water Resources, the Corp of Engineers, and representatives from Hays and Russell. The Corp will be overseeing the study and will pay \$50,000 or one-half of the cost of the study. The Kansas Water Office will contribute \$25,000; Hays and Russell will split the remaining \$25,000.

Executive Session

Ron Mellick moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:30 p.m. for 45 minutes to discuss attorney-client privileged information, litigation matters and labor negotiations. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 75-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman
Kent Steward
Ron Mellick
Barbara Wasinger

Chairperson Hickman called the work session back to order at 8:15 p.m.
He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Doris Wing – City Clerk