

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
August 16, 2007

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

Absent: Troy Hickman

**Update from Citizen Committee on Sports Complex**

Tom Lippert, Gina Riedel, and Roger Bixenman, representing the Sports Complex Committee, updated the Commission on their grassroots effort to construct an athletic complex.

The Committee will keep the Commissioners informed of their efforts and report back to the Commission when they have more concrete plans.

**Wilson Pool and Hays Aquatic Park Repairs**

Parks Director Jeff Boyle reported that both Wilson Pool and the Hays Aquatic Park (HAP) zero-depth pool are experiencing water leakage. Staff has exhausted all in-house resources and cannot locate the leaks. Mr. Boyle requested that the City contract with Associated Pool Builders to troubleshoot, locate, and repair the zero-depth pool at the HAP and the Wilson Pool at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Any funding requirements exceeding that amount would be presented to the Commission prior to completing the repairs. The cost for this would be taken out of the pool reserve fund, which requires Commission approval.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the use of pool reserve funds for the repairs at the August 23, 2007 Commission meeting.

## **1-YEAR REVIEW OF DOG PICKETING ORDINANCE**

Police Chief Jim Braun reviewed the Dog Picketing Ordinance. One year ago the Commission discussed the possibility of amending the Ordinance for ease of citation purposes. At that time it was decided to wait one year before any changes are made to the Ordinance.

Police Chief Braun reported that 35 investigations have been conducted by Animal Control Officers or Police Officers. Twenty-nine of the cases were resolved through pet owner education. No repeat violations occurred with the cases handled through education. Of the remaining six cases, one case was unfounded, one case is still being investigated, and in two of the cases owners relinquished ownership of the animals. Two of the cases turned into animal cruelty because of the weather and shelter conditions the animals were subject to.

Police Chief Braun stated he did not wish to see the Ordinance changed. Situations are handled on a case-by-case basis. If the situation cannot be remedied through education and a warning, chances are the case will turn into an animal cruelty case and be investigated as such.

The Commissioners agreed with Police Chief Braun.

## **Executive Session**

Christopher Channell moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 5:59 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss land acquisition and labor negotiations. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is in the public's best interest to not reveal the City's position during negotiations.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Ron Mellick

Christopher Channell

Allan Lytton

Vice-chairperson Wasinger called the meeting back to order at 6:19 p.m.  
She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

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

City Clerk