

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes  
August 18, 2011

Present: Troy Hickman, Kent Steward, Henry Schwaller IV, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

Absent: Barbara Wasinger, Ron Mellick

Prior to the start of the work session, Commissioner Steward read a proclamation by the City of Hays honoring Chief Warrant Officer-2 Bryan J. Nichols and Chief Warrant Officer-4 David R. Carter who were among 30 American service members killed when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter was shot down by enemy fire in Afghanistan on August 6, 2011.

Chief Warrant Officer-2 Nichols was a 1998 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and Chief Warrant Officer-4 Carter was a 1982 graduate of Hays High School. The proclamation proclaims August 19, 2011 as "A Day to Remember Chief Warrant Officer-2 Bryan J. Nichols and Chief Warrant Officer-4 David R. Carter" to commend them for their courage, for the ultimate sacrifice they have made on behalf of the United States of America, and asking the citizenry of the City of Hays to remember their noble duty and heroic effort on our behalf.

**Water Discussion with Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15 Board**

Prior to the discussion with the PWWSD#15 Board, City Manager Toby Dougherty reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C. While in Washington, he visited with representatives from the Corp of Engineers about funding for water development/allocation studies and other water related issues.

Joe Glassman, chairman of Public Wholesale Water Supply District #15, discussed with the Commissioners the two options that have been identified as a

future long-term water supply for the cities of Hays and Russell, those two options being Wilson Lake and the R-9 Ranch (Circle K). The Wilson Lake option would be cheaper up front but would cost more in the long term due to operating expenses. He asked the Commissioners which option they would like to see PWWSD#15 pursue.

Vice-chairman Hickman stated that every option for a long-term water supply has been thoroughly explored over the last 17-18 years. He acknowledged that there will be obstacles whichever option the City chooses to pursue. His personal feeling is that there will be fewer obstacles in pursuing the R-9 option.

The Commissioners were in agreement with Vice-chairman Hickman.

Mr. Glassman recommended that the City, as owner of the R-9 Ranch, take the property out of production as some point in time and show the State that the City is a good steward of the land; that the City is not going to irrigate property that is not farmable land.

Mr. Glassman stated that he will report back to the Commissioners after the next meeting of the PWWSD#15 Board and will make a recommendation on how to proceed.

**Pre-Annexation Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Service for 3306 Hwy. 183**

**Alt**

The owner of property located at 3306 Hwy. 183 Alternate has requested a sanitary sewer connection for a residential accessory structure and a future single-family dwelling. This property is located outside of the city limits; therefore it is necessary for the Commissioners to approve a Pre-Annexation Agreement at the August 25, 2011 Commission meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

City Clerk