

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Shaun Musil, James Meier, Henry Schwaller IV, Lance Jones, Eber Phelps, John Bird, Toby Dougherty, and Kim Rupp

September 1, 2016 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on September 1, 2016; the minutes stand approved as presented.

2016 Uniform Public Offense Code/2016 Standard Traffic Ordinance

The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) publishes a revised version of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (UPOC) and the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities (STO) on a yearly basis. Municipalities may adopt these two sets of ordinances for their use. These ordinances contain the most current legislative changes and updates put into place annually by the Kansas Legislature.

Don Scheibler, Chief of Police, informed the Commissioners of notable changes to the documents for 2016.

At the September 22, 2016 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to approve the ordinances adopting the 2016 revised versions of the UPOC and STO.

Update on the Hays Fire Department/Ellis County Fire Department Automatic Aid Trial Program

Gary Brown, Fire Chief, has been working with the newly-appointed Ellis County Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, Darin Myers, on instituting an Automatic Aid Trial Program. The two Chiefs are ready to move forward with the program, and Chief Brown updated the Commission on the planned operation.

In an automatic aid program, the fire departments work and train together on a more regular basis. This should result in better teamwork and a more efficient and cost effective sharing of firefighters and fire trucks to better protect the entire community.

Chief Brown explained that in the automatic aid program, the Ellis County Fire Department (ECFD) will respond with one fire truck and crew into the city on the first alarm for all reported building fires. It is anticipated the ECFD will respond to assist the Hays Fire Department (HFD) about 70 times per year. The HFD will automatically send one fire truck and crew into a limited area surrounding the city for reported building fires about five times per year.

The program is to begin on January 1, 2017. A joint training program has begun to prepare the members of both fire departments to work together. It is also expected that both the city and the rural fire district area included in automatic aid will receive increased credit in their public fire protection rating score.

No action is required by the City Commission as the Fire Chief has the authority, under direction of the City Manager, to institute such a program. City staff feels that this program will be very beneficial to the City of Hays as well as Ellis County.

Sandblasting and Painting of the East Primary Clarifier

Jeff Crispin, Assistant Director of Utilities, reported that the east primary basin at the Water Treatment Plant requires sandblasting and painting of metal surfaces to preserve the integrity of metal surfaces against rust. After years of submersion in water, the paint coatings are failing to protect the metal parts. Maintenance staff drains, power washes, and cleans all surfaces yearly on all basins.

Four proposals were received with D.E.M. Enterprises LLC of Wichita, Kansas submitting the low bid in the amount of \$55,000.

At the September 22, 2016 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with D.E.M

Enterprises LLC. to perform sandblasting and painting of the east primary clarifier at a price of \$55,000 to be funded from the Water Fund Capital Reserves.

Other Items for Discussion

City Manager, Toby Dougherty, reported that the R-9 Ranch Development Group met with the Division of Water Resources in Manhattan, Kansas regarding the transfer of water from the R-9 Ranch to Hays. He provided a brief update to the Commission on the progress. He stated the meeting was very productive and another meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2016.

The work session was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk