

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
January 16, 2014

Present: Kent Steward, Henry Schwaller IV, Eber Phelps, Shaun Musil, Ron Mellick, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

January 2, 2014 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on January 2, 2014; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Chris Miller, owner of Auto Tech, along with approximately 20 members of the business community, were in the audience wishing to address the Commissioners regarding the City ordinance on inoperable vehicles.

Mr. Miller was cited by City staff for having inoperable vehicles on his properties for more than 30 days. A resolution to abate his vehicles is on the agenda for the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting. He feels the City should grant business owners special consideration and should be allowed some leeway to run their business. He stated he will have inoperable vehicles on site until they are fixed.

Commissioner Schwaller stated he understands Mr. Miller's plight because he faces tough regulations in his rental housing business.

Scott Simpson, owner of Best Radiator, and Augie Windholz with Augie's Repair and Towing, also addressed the Commissioners regarding this issue. Mr. Windholz stated he, as well as many other businesses owners, hold the vehicles until the services are paid for in full; otherwise it is difficult to collect payment.

Chairperson Steward stated everyone needs to remember the ordinance serves to protect the people of Hays.

The Commissioners will address the issue of the abatement of Mr. Miller's vehicles at the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting and will discuss the

ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles at the work session on February 4, 2014.

Pool Fee Increase

The City of Hays contracts with the Hays Recreation Commission (HRC) to manage the Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool. At the end of each season, a financial review of the pools' operations is conducted, and recommendations for fee changes are made for the following season if necessary. The last fee increase took place in 2008.

In an effort to increase revenue and become consistent with other community pools throughout the state, a recommendation is being made to add a third tier to the daily admissions at Wilson Pool and the Hays Aquatic Park. The Hays Recreation Commission Board and City staff recommend adding a third tier fee for individuals age 18 and up. The recommended fee for the third tier at the Hays Aquatic Park is \$4.00 and Wilson Pool is \$3.00 for the 2014 swim season. This is a \$1.00 increase in daily admission for those 18 and up.

Commissioner Schwaller is concerned that the rate increase may cause a decline in attendance.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a third tier fee for area pools at the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting.

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Tournament Fee Increase

The Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board reviewed and recommended changes to the current tournament fees at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. The current policy and fee schedule for tournaments is outdated and well below what other courses from across the state receive for tournament green fees. The Golf Course Advisory Board and City staff request approval of a standard tournament greens fee of \$15.00 per person for all tournaments at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

At the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be requested to approve the recommendation to proceed with a standard

tournament greens fee of \$15.00 per person for all tournaments at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Junior Golf Fees

The Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board recommends adding a Junior Golf Greens Fee for those ages seventeen (17) and under. The Advisory Board hopes that adding a reduced Junior Golf Greens Fee will encourage more kids to play golf and help guarantee interest of the younger generation for years to come. The Golf Course Advisory Board and City staff recommends approval to add a Junior Golf Greens Fee, for an amount of \$10.00, beginning March 1, 2014 at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

At the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting the Commissioners approval will be requested to add a Junior Golf Greens Fee at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Resolution for Vehicle Abatement at 412 West 8th Street

The property located at 412 West 8th Street is in violation of City Ordinance Chapter 26 Article II. The vehicle has no current and legal tags, deeming it inoperable. Letters have been sent per City of Hays Ordinance requirements. No progress has been made on this vehicle. Staff is now moving forward for abatement of the vehicle since the owner of the property has not followed through accordingly. If the vehicle is removed by the City, all costs of abatement will be charged to the owner of the property.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the resolution to abate the vehicle located on the property at 412 West 8th Street ten days after the approval date at the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting.

Resolution for Vehicle Abatement at 600 and 602 Vine Street

The property located at 600 and 602 Vine Street is in violation of City Ordinance Chapter 26 Article II. The vehicles have no current and legal tags or are otherwise in a state of disrepair deeming them inoperable. Letters have been sent

per City of Hays Ordinance requirements. No progress has been made on these vehicles. If the vehicles are removed by the City, all costs of abatement will be charged to the owner of the property.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the resolution to abate the vehicles located on the property at 600 and 602 Vine Street ten days after the approval date at the January 23, 2014 Commission meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Schwaller commented that he had read in the paper that the City Commission will consider building a convention center. He wanted to clarify that a formal proposal has not been brought before the Commission. A group has been working on this for a number of years, but he can not comment on this until something is presented to the Commission.

Executive Session

Ron Mellick moved, Henry Schwaller IV seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 8:03 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege information. 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: Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Eber Phelps

Shaun Musil

Ron Mellick

No action was taken during executive session.

The work session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk