

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
October 2, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

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

September 18, 2014 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on September 18, 2014; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Update on Stormwater Activities

Steven Walters, Stormwater Specialist, updated the Commissioners regarding stormwater utility projects (past, current, and future), new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit conditions, and needed local regulations.

He also shared data from water samples taken throughout the area in Big Creek, Montgomery Ditch, and Chetolah Creek. He stated animal waste is the source of the problem causing elevated E. coli levels.

The City of Hays presently funds the stormwater utility through the assessment of a fee based on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) methodology. Every residential unit within the city limits pays a single ERU while other properties pay based on the amount of impervious area located on a parcel. The current fee is \$3.62 per ERU. With the implementation of the stormwater utility fee the City of Hays has a dedicated funding source that allows the identification, planning, and construction of capital improvement projects.

Storm Sewer Structures Repair – Award of Bid

This project is in essence an extension of the rehabilitation of the aging storm sewer infrastructure started in 2011 and continuing through 2015. The

work has previously focused on the structural cementitious lining of storm sewer pipe and is now shifting to the rehabilitation of brick lined inlets and manholes. The storm sewer structures are generally in fair to good condition with some mortar cracking and bricks missing. The project would allow for the near complete rehabilitation of the storm sewer infrastructure in areas where storm sewer pipe has been lined.

At the October 23, 2014 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be requested to award the contract to the low bidder, Utility Solutions, LLC of Basehor, Kansas for storm sewer structure rehabilitation in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 to be funded from the Stormwater Utility line item.

Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Executive Session

Ron Mellick moved, Kent Steward seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:15 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to attorney-client privileged communications. The executive session included the Commissioners, the 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: Henry Schwaller IV
Eber Phelps
Shaun Musil
Ron Mellick
Kent Steward

No action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk