

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
October 19, 2006

Present: Wayne Billinger, Barbara Wasinger, Henry Schwaller IV, Kent Steward, John Bird, Randy Gustafson

Absent: Troy Hickman

Smart Start Grant Funding

The Police Department is requesting permission to pursue a Smart Start grant. If the grant is received, these funds will be used to update and add resources to improve services to the younger children of the community.

Smart Start has requested a basic memorandum of understanding, should this funding be authorized. All purchases and installation expenses are expected to be paid by Smart Start and then the equipment will be provided to the City to take ownership. They are not asking for a direct monetary funding commitment, but rather an understanding that the equipment that is obtained will be maintained and serviced at the expense of the City. The events where the equipment is expected to be utilized are mostly educational events directly related to many of the current events requested and provided to the community through the Police Department. No additional unbudgeted expense is expected.

The Commissioners had no objections to the Police Department pursuing the grant.

Recreation/Fitness Trail Consultant

Four proposals were received for the Request for Proposal concerning the hiring of a consulting firm to assist with the implementation of a hike and bike trail in Hays. Members of the Hike/Bike Trail Selection Committee

selected Baughman Company, P.A./Carlson-Baughman Company as the most qualified consulting firm for planning and design of the trail.

The Commissioners will be requested to consider approving a contract with Baughman Company, P.A./Carlson-Baughman Company for an amount not to exceed \$43,700 for planning, design, and grant writing for the implementation of the hike/bike trail at the October 26, 2006 Commission meeting.

Wild West Festival Matching Fund Request

The Wild West Festival Committee is requesting \$1,125 from the City of Hays to pay for 50% of the cost of new tree plantings in Municipal Park. Staff recommended approval of their request.

The Commissioners will be requested to consider approval of the request at the October 26, 2006 Commission meeting.

2007 Street Maintenance Program

Public Works Director Brenda Herrman and Assistant Public Works Director John Braun reviewed the 2007 Street Maintenance Program with the Commissioners. It is estimated that approximately \$929,000 will be dedicated to 2007 street repairs.

Bainter-Warren Addition Vacate Request

The owner of the property of the proposed Bainter-Warren Addition to the City of Hays has requested that the City vacate the north 25 feet of the 120 feet right-of-way located along the south side of the addition (north side of West 12th Street). Ninety-five (95) feet of right-of-way would remain if the request is granted. The right-of-way area on 12th Street to the east of the proposed addition is 70 feet wide. The area of the right-of-way to the west of the proposed addition ranges from 100 feet to 175 feet. West 12th Street is a collector street; City regulations identify a minimum right-of-way of 70 feet for collector streets.

There are no City utilities located in the area of the vacate request. There are some franchised utilities within the area to be vacated. The owner/developer is proposing a utility easement for the entire area to be vacated. This request to vacate has been brought up to the Utility Advisory Committee for review by the franchised utilities, with no objection as long as a utility easement remained.

The Commissioners had no objection to the request and will consider approval of the Final Plat of the Bainter-Warren Addition and an ordinance to vacate at a future Commission meeting.

Ellis County Fairgrounds – 8 Inch Fire Line Tap

Staff presented cost options for the installation of an 8 inch fire line tap on the existing 12 inch City water main along US-183 Bypass to service the Ellis County Fairgrounds. Staff prepared these options in advance of a formal request by Ellis County so as to not hold up the County if they should want to proceed.

China Trip – April 2007

Discussion was held about a return visit to Xinzheng, Henan, China for the Sister City program in April 2007. It was decided to invite Mike Michaelis, director of the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development, to the November 2, 2006 work session to further discuss this matter.

Executive Session

Kent Steward moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:11 p.m. for 20 minutes to items covered by attorney-client privilege with specific regard to personnel and union matters. The executive session included the Commissioners, the City Manager, and the City Attorney.

Vote: Ayes: Wayne Billinger
Barbara Wasinger
Henry Schwaller IV
Kent Steward

Chairperson Billinger called the work session back to order at 6:28 p.m.
He stated no action was taken in executive session.
The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk