

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
December 5, 2013

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

November 21, 2013 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on November 21, 2013; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Joint Meeting – City of Hays/Hays Recreation Commission

A joint meeting between the City of Hays and the Hays Recreation Commission (HRC) was held to review the 2013 Pool Season Financial Report, review current fees from other aquatic parks in Kansas, and review the 2013 Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex Financial Report.

Roger Bixenman, HRC Superintendent, reported the Hays Aquatic Park showed a loss in revenue of \$40,842.30 for the 2013 season. Staff recommends approving the reimbursement request from the Hays Recreation Commission for an amount of \$20,421.15 which is one-half of the total loss for pool operations for the 2013 season. The current contract states that after financial reports are compiled as described in the agreement, any operating loss or surplus incurred by the contractor will be shared on a 50% City - 50% Contractor basis as long as the Contractor's portion of the loss does not exceed \$26,000. The attendance at the Hays Aquatic Park was down significantly due to weather conditions in 2013 with 46,270 patrons visiting the pool when compared to 58,999 in 2012. Likewise, the attendance at Wilson Pool dropped from 5,085 patrons in 2012 to 3,740 in 2013.

Jeff Boyle, Parks Director reviewed current fees from other aquatic parks in Kansas and will present a possible fee increase at the next work session.

The Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex report from the HRC shows a total loss of \$21,884.47. The City's year to date expenditures (November 13, 2013) from the Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex total \$168,896.14. Staff expects to end the year with total expenditures from the maintenance budget in the \$181,000-\$185,000 range. There is no reimbursement being requested by the Hays Recreation Commission for the Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex.

At the December 12, 2013 Commission meeting Commissioners will be requested to approve the reimbursement request from the Hays Recreation Commission for one-half of the total contractual revenue loss for an amount of \$20,421.15 for pool operations for the 2013 season.

Concealed Carry in Municipal Buildings Update

The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 2052 and made it legal to carry concealed weapons within public buildings. The general rule of HB 2052 says that any state or municipal building must have "adequate security measures" in place to prevent any weapon from entering the building and properly post Attorney General approved signage if that state or municipal building desires to restrict the licensed concealed carry of handguns within its walls. HB 2052 does allow for a four year exemption from these requirements. This exemption would require the City of Hays to have a security plan for each building and provide "adequate security" for the occupants. City staff is recommending the four year exemption for 12 City owned buildings.

Police Chief Don Scheibler stated that it is the opinion of City staff that by allowing more guns into the building, it will increase the likelihood of an incident or accident occurring, or the occupants of the building being in danger. It was also stated that it is cost prohibitive to have adequate security measures in place to prevent any weapon from entering the City buildings.

Commissioner Mellick stated that basically the exemption is buying us four years to see what happens statewide.

Commissioners will be requested to authorize City staff to pursue a four year exemption from the requirements of HB 2052 for the 12 City owned buildings at the December 12, 2013 Commission meeting.

41st Street Construction Award of Bid

Since 2008, City staff has been working with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) on a project to reconstruct 41st Street from the US-183 By-pass to Hall Street. The project is being funded in part through the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program. The old roadway will be removed and replaced with three lanes of 8" concrete pavement complete with curb and gutter on both sides, new storm sewer pipe and inlets, a 10' wide concrete multi-use path along the north side, no sidewalk on the south side, and stormwater Best Management Practices improvements in two places.

Bids were recently opened at KDOT and APAC-Kansas, Inc. of Hays is the low bidder. KDOT has asked for a resolution committing the City's share of the funding in the amount of \$798,000 and authority to award the bid to APAC.

The Commissioners will be requested at the December 12, 2013 Commission meeting to approve a resolution authorizing the commitment of City funds and awarding a contract to APAC-Kansas, Inc. for the reconstruction of 41st Street. The City's share to be paid to KDOT is \$798,000 from the Capital Projects Fund.

2014 Street Maintenance Program

Each year City staff evaluates the condition of City streets and develops a maintenance program that is brought forward for Commission consideration. The Special Highway Budget includes \$598,352 in the budgeted projects line item for maintenance and repair projects. The plan presented by staff includes chip seal, polypatch, curb and brick repair, a small area of total reconstruction, as well as some funding for in-house asphalt and concrete patching and crack sealing. Upon direction, staff will solicit bids for work to be contracted out, and bring those bids back to the City Commission for final approval after the first of the year.

2014 Statement of Legislative Priorities

Annually, the Commission solidifies its priorities in order to communicate issues and goals with its elected legislators. Noted changes this year include an emphasis on water conservation planning and long-term source preservation as well as Fair Fares funding.

Commissioners will be requested to approve the 2014 Statement of Legislative Priorities for the City of Hays at the December 12, 2013 Commission meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by _____

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