

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
December 6, 2007

Present: Troy Hickman, Ron Mellick, Allan Lytton, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

Absent: Barbara Wasinger, Christopher Channell

Tobacco Use Prevention Program Grant

Jodi Sander, representing the Ellis County Community Partnership (ECCP), reported that ECCP has been awarded the Tobacco Use Prevention Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant for the 5th year. She informed the Commissioners of the programs and services provided by ECCP.

Progress Report on R9 Ranch

Farmers National Company has provided farm management services at the R9 Ranch for the past year. Farmers National representative Monty Smith presented a report with regard to Ranch operations.

Mr. Smith presented the Wes Furrer Conservation Award to the Commissioners. This is a highly coveted award which is given to only two farms annually out of the nearly 4,000 farms that are managed by Farmers National.

Update on 2007 Library Budget

Charter Ordinance 12 allows the Library to request up to six mills when determining their budget. When preparing the 2007 Budget, the Library submitted a budget using the City's estimated projection of assessed valuation numbers. A second budget was submitted once the City received the final assessed valuation numbers. City staff did not realize the two budgets were different and, therefore, used the first budget submission for 2007 budgeting

purposes. This resulted in the Library's actual disbursement being \$27,857 less than their request. For 2007, the cash received was actually higher than projected leaving an excess of \$28,413. This carryover balance is not budgeted for 2008 and would be available to use if the Commission would desire to file a revised budget once the City closes out the year and gets the cash balances from the auditors. If the Commission chooses to take no action, in 2008 the cash carryover will be dispersed to the Library in 2009 in addition to the six mills normally requested.

The Commissioners will determine which course of action to take in February 2008 after the 2007 year is closed out.

2007 Swim Season Recap

Roger Bixenman and Joe Spangler, representing the Hays Recreation Commission (HRC), presented a year-to-date financial statement for the 2007 Hays Aquatic Park and Wilson Pool operations. Due to the mild weather in June and July, HRC experienced a net loss of \$31,322.32 for the 2007 swim season at the two pools. The agreement between the City and HRC provides for the loss to be split equally, thereby making the City's share of the loss \$15,661.16.

Seven Hills Park Master Plan Bids

Waffle-Crete International submitted the low bid of \$69,887 for a shelter house and sidewalk improvements at Seven Hill Park. Construction activities will not begin until March 1, 2008; therefore, staff recommended encumbering 2007 funds for this project.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the bid at the December 13, 2007 Commission meeting.

Ordinance Amending Current Code Defining Duties of City Clerk

The Commissioners will be requested to approve an ordinance at the December 13, 2007 Commission meeting defining the duties of the City Clerk.

The change would allow the City Clerk to delegate duties to appropriate personnel.

Executive Session

Allan Lytton moved, Ron Mellick seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:10 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss property acquisition and contract negotiations. The executive session included the City Commission, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. The justification for the executive session is that it is in the public's best interest to not reveal the City's position during negotiations.

Vote: Ayes: Troy Hickman

Ron Mellick

Allan Lytton

Chairperson Hickman called the work session back to order at 6:25 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by : _____

City Clerk