

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
December 18, 2008

Present: Barbara Wasinger, Ron Mellick, Christopher Channell, Allan Lytton, Troy Hickman, John Bird, Mark Loughry

Regional Rescue Team Briefing

In 2006, the Fire Department applied for a grant to create a Regional Rescue Team. The grant in the amount of \$90,000 was used to purchase a suitable vehicle to transport staff and equipment to any region within an 18 county area. The Commissioners toured the Fire Department and viewed the new equipment.

Request for Extension of Deadline for Army Reserve Center Proposal

Dr. Jeff Lowe requested an extension of the January 1, 2009 deadline for submitting a proposal for the use of the Army Reserve Center. He is working with several non-profit organizations as well as for profit groups and requested an exemption from the provisions that the group be either a non-profit organization, a government entity, or a civic organization.

Chairperson Wasinger stated she did not think that would be fair to other groups who have worked hard to meet the January 1st deadline. She suggested that Dr. Lowe work up his proposal and state that it is their intention to set up a non-profit organization. The Commission would consider his proposal if it is turned in on time.

The other Commissioners were in agreement with the Chairperson.

Airport Parking Lot Expansion

In the 2008 Airport Budget, \$75,000 was budgeted for the expansion of the airport terminal parking lot. Due to a decrease in boardings, the need for

additional parking is less urgent than before. Staff proposed a scaled back plan to increase parking to accommodate 15 additional spaces. If the project was done in-house using Service Division personnel, it is estimated that the cost would be \$15,000.

Chairperson Wasinger stated she felt that since boardings are down and revenues are anticipated to be down, she would rather hold off on the entire project.

Commissioner Mellick stated he did not feel there are enough parking spaces right now and he thinks the 15 spaces should be added.

Commissioner Hickman also favored the expansion. He is hopeful that enplanements go back up and feels the expansion should be done while the funds are budgeted.

Commissioner Lytton and Channell also favored the expansion.

This item will not be on the December 23, 2008 agenda; the amount falls within the City Manager spending limits guideline.

Lost Property Ordinance

Police Chief Jim Braun discussed a proposed ordinance addressing the disposition of lost, stolen, strayed, abandoned, unclaimed or confiscated property within the City of Hays.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the ordinance at the December 23, 2008 Commission meeting.

Resolution for Employees Flexible Benefit Plan

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution at the December 23, 2008 Commission meeting that revises the City of Hays Employee Flexible Benefit Plan document.

Cemetery Ordinance Revisions

At the December 23, 2008 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve an ordinance amending various sections of the

cemetery ordinance. Included in the amendment are prices for the new columbarium which has recently been installed at Mount Allen Cemetery.

Sealing of Larks Park Grandstands

An amount of \$19,000 was budgeted to seal the surface of the Larks Park grandstands. This bid was based on an estimate submitted by a vendor that specializes in hard surface coverings. It has since been determined that the product recommended by the vendor is not suitable for sealing the grandstands. Parks Department staff then researched other options and is recommending a polyurethane covering that is more expensive (\$51,240). The budget overage can be paid from other Parks Department projects that came in under bid and from money that was not used for contractual restroom cleaning. Two bids were received and staff recommended accepting the low bid submitted by Foam Masters, Inc. of Concordia, Kansas in the amount of \$51,240.

Since this item is over budget, it will be necessary for the Commissioners to approve the low bid at the December 23, 2008 Commission meeting.

2008 Boundary Resolution

The Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution re-defining the boundary line of the City of Hays at the December 23, 2008 Commission meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the three-mile radius surrounding Hays and how it is defined. City Attorney John Bird suggested that he, along with City and County staff, work together to come up with a method for determining the three-mile limit that is more accurate.

Northwest Kansas Mayors Association Dues

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to pay the annual dues of \$50 for membership in the Northwest Kansas Mayors Association.

Other Items for Discussion

Chairperson Wasinger appointed Ron Mellick to serve a two-year term as the City representative on the Ellis County Economic Development Board.

Commissioner Hickman left the work session.

Executive Session

Barbara Wasinger moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 6:35 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss attorney-client privileged information. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the Assistant City Manger, and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss attorney-client privileged information.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger
Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton

Chairperson Wasinger called the work session back to order at 6:45 p.m. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk