

City Commission

Work Session Notes

December 5, 2002

Present: Troy Hickman, Sunell Koerner, Dick Bedard, Henry Schwaller IV, Randy Gustafson, John Bird

Demand Transfer Cuts:

City Manager Gustafson stated the City would not receive the remaining \$73,000 from the State of Kansas for 2002 demand transfer funds. Governor Graves cut these funds. If these cuts are maintained for the first half of 2003, an additional \$188,347 will not be received. The City will be very conservative in all areas of spending. Several job vacancies may not be filled. Staff is looking into various ways that costs can be reduced.

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course:

Discussion was held about the contract agreements with Rich Guffey for the operation of the Pro-Shop and Neil DeWerff for course maintenance. Approval of both contracts will be on the December 12th agenda.

SEIU & Fire Union Contracts:

There are no major changes to the SEIU and Fire Union Contracts for 2003 through 2005. The Fraternal Order of Police has not yet negotiated a contract with the City. Approval of the SEIU and Fire Union Contracts will be on the December 12th agenda.

Acceptance of a Grant in reference to the extension of General Hays Road from Cody to 22nd Street:

This project is the extension of General Hays Road from Cody to 22nd Street. This would allow General Hays Road to function as a reverse access road. The City has received two contracts from Kansas Department of Transportation. The first contract is for 2/3 of the right-of-way acquisition for an amount not to exceed \$67,000. The second contract is for 2/3 of the design, construction and inspection for 2/3 of the project, not to exceed \$173,000. The City has three years to begin this project.

Formal acceptance of the grant will be on the December 12th agenda.

Acceptance of a KDOT Grant to remove the entrance at the Water Softening Plant:

The City has received a grant from KDOT to remove the south entrance to the parking lot located to the north of the existing water softening plant. The amount of the grant is for 2/3 of the cost of the project, not to exceed \$26,800.

Formal acceptance of the grant will be on the December 12th agenda.

2003 CIP Projects:

Four of the CIP Projects for 2003 involve signal lights on Main Street at 11th, 12th, and 13th Street. The fourth project would be for a signal light at 27th Street and Indian Trail. City Manager Gustafson recommended that none of the signal lights be upgraded on Main Street because there has not been a consensus of what is going to be done downtown and also because of budgetary constraints. Discussion was held about using salvage parts for the 27th & Indian Trail signal lights. Therefore, those four projects will be taken off the 2003 CIP Projects list.

Property Exchange:

A ditch west of Hall Street between 12th & 13th Street is on private property and is poorly maintained for drainage purposes. The City owns land on the south side of 13th Street and Randy Schmidtberger owns an attached parcel. Several of the homes in the mobile park owned by Mr. Schmidtberger are on the City parcel. A land swap between the City and Mr. Schmidtberger would give the City title to the ground for the ditch between 12th & 13th Street.

Negotiations with Mr. Schmidtberger will proceed with formal approval at a later Commission meeting.

DSNWK ACCESS Transportation – Review of 2003 draft contract:

The contract has been reviewed and approved by City Attorney John Bird. Formal approval of the contract will be requested at the December 12th meeting.

City Committees:

Assistant City Manager Dorothy Stites created several documents in relation to the creation of various Mayor appointed boards/committees. The documents are meant to serve as a resource guide for future inquiries concerning the creation, membership, and legal requirements for each board. Several of the committees will be disbanded. Representatives of the various boards will be asked to come to a Commission meeting in January 2003.

Golf Course Awning Work:

It will cost \$15,879.87 to install an awning on the Pro-shop at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. The costs of the materials are \$5,879.87 and labor costs are \$10,000.00. In order to do the project for this price, the Parks Department would be required to provide a backhoe and operator and make all concrete cuts using City equipment.

There is \$9,500.00 in the 2002 Budget for the construction of the awning. The Building Fund contains an additional \$6,354.45 bringing the total funds to \$15,854.45 or \$25.42 less than required. There is the possibility that some of the materials for this project could be donated by a local business and will bring down the costs even further.

Approval of this project will be on the December 12th agenda.

Midwest Energy Franchise Agreement:

City Manager Gustafson distributed to the Commission information regarding the franchise agreement with Midwest Energy. Further discussion will take place at the December 19th work session.

New Business Resolutions:

The Governing Body decided that it would issue new business resolutions welcoming new businesses to our City informally during the Consent Items part of the agenda.

City Manager Gustafson requested an executive session to discuss negotiations.

The work session was then adjourned.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk of the Board