

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mason Ruder, Sandy Jacobs, Reese Barrick, Toby Dougherty, Kim Rupp, and John T. Bird

Absent: Michael Berges and Shaun Musil

March 17, 2022 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on March 17, 2022; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Streatery Policy Discussion

This agenda item was postponed to a future work session for discussion.

2022 Manhole Rehabilitation Program – Award of Bid

Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, stated the Department of Water Resources initiated a manhole rehabilitation program in 2018 to lengthen the lifespan of manholes needing repair. Manholes are a critical part of the wastewater collection system. Manholes need rehabilitated for various reasons including acidic environments, low pH, erosion, age, and storm water infiltration. The sewer inspection video program that began in 2013 has assisted in strategically identifying key manholes for rehabilitation. This program, along with staff inspections, has allowed for the creation of a priority list of repairs. Typical rehabilitation price is \$1,500 to \$3,000 per manhole. Full manhole replacement is \$15,000.

Staff received three bids for the 2022 program of rehabilitating 50 manholes. The low bid of \$83,558.75 was submitted by Mayer Specialty Services of Wichita, Kansas. Due to the favorable bid, staff recommends awarding the project to Mayer Specialty Services in an amount not to exceed the budgeted

amount of \$125,000. Additional manholes for rehabilitation have been identified to the north of the project area. Mr. Crispin noted that Mayer Specialty Services completed the 2019, 2020, and 2021 projects, and their work was excellent.

Commissioner Barrick asked how many of our manholes are over 50 years old. Mr. Crispin stated he would research that and report back to the Commission.

At the April 14, 2022 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mayer Specialty Services to complete the 2022 Manhole Rehabilitation Program with a budget not to exceed \$125,000, to be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance line item in the Water Reclamation & Reuse budget.

2022 Water Production Soda Ash Feeder – Award of Bid

Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, stated the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) within the 2022 Budget includes \$50,000 for a project to replace the current soda ash feeder at the Water Plant. The soda ash feeder is an important piece of equipment that injects sodium carbonate, commonly known as soda ash, into the water production process. Soda ash acts as a pH adjuster with the added benefit of softening the water. Soda ash acts to control the alkalinity in the softening of water.

The current soda ash feeder is 48 years old and has had multiple in-house repairs over the years. The equipment has reached the end of its useful life and needs replaced. The soda ash feeder runs 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Staff solicited bids to replace the current soda ash feeder. One bid was submitted by Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$26,426.

At the April 14, 2022 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$26,426 for the purchase of a soda ash feeder, to be funded from Water Capital.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Jacobs shared a Facebook post by Larry Dreiling who thanked the City of Hays, Public Works staff, who after emptying the polycarts placed them next to the house by hand so the empty carts wouldn't blow away during the recent 40 mile per hour wind gusts. He stated that is amazing service that deserves recognition. Commissioner Jacobs agreed and thanked Public Works employees for the excellent service.

The work session was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk