

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mason Ruder, Shaun Musil, Sandy Jacobs, Reese Barrick, Alaina Cunningham, Toby Dougherty, Kim Rupp, and Don F. Hoffman

April 20, 2023 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on April 20, 2023; the minutes stand approved as presented.

R9 Wellfield and Pipeline Professional Services Agreements

Toby Dougherty, City Manager, stated City staff has negotiated design engineering agreements with Burns & McDonnell for the wellfield and pipeline projects associated with the R9 development. The contracts were finalized through the City Attorney's office.

Brian Meier, Principal-In-Charge, Burns & McDonnell, presented information regarding the two projects. He discussed the wells and well houses, wellfield distribution piping, raw water storage tank, high service pump station, and all of the infrastructure required on site. He stated there will be 65 miles of 20-inch water transmission pipeline that will convey water from the R9 Ranch wellfield to the existing system by the Smoky wellfield. Mr. Meier stated that design engineering is scheduled to take 18 months to complete.

Commissioner Barrick asked if the pipelines will be above ground or buried. Mr. Meier stated that they will be underground, placed below the frost line which is between 42 to 48 inches to the top of the pipe. Commissioner Barrick stated water is becoming a very high commodity in this area and he asked about the security of the water in the storage tank and in the pipeline. Mr. Meier stated there will be pressure monitoring stations and the water that is leaving the pump station will be measured and compared to what is being

delivered, to indicate whether there is a loss of water or pressure. He noted that security is a very important part of the project.

At the May 11, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to approve the Wellfield Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell in the amount of \$3,970,685 and the Professional Services Agreement for the R9 Pipeline Project in the amount of \$4,058,683, both to be funded from the Water Sales Tax Reserve.

City Commission Rules of Procedure

Toby Dougherty, City Manager, stated the City Commission will reorganize at the May 11, 2023, Commission meeting. When the Commission reorganizes, it readopts the Rules of Procedure. The Commissioners were asked to review the Rules of Procedure for any changes or modifications they may wish to make. No changes to the Rules of Procedure were suggested by the Commission.

At the May 11, 2023 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be asked to approve a resolution adopting the City Commission Rules of Procedure.

Other Items for Discussion

Vice-Mayor Musil stated this was a historic meeting for our community as the R9 project is just beginning, and he is proud to be part of it.

Mayor Ruder agreed and added that he is excited to see the engineering designs for the R9 development coming before the Commission for approval. He stated that he participated in the National Day of Prayer, and it was good to see the community come together. He also stated that he attended the Arbor Day Celebration, and it is the 44th year the City of Hays was recognized as a National Tree City.

The work session was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk