

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes

Thursday, September 2, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Sandy Jacobs, Michael Berges, Ron Mellick, Shaun Musil, Toby Dougherty, Kim Rupp, and John T. Bird

Absent: Mason Ruder

August 19, 2021 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on August 19, 2021; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Parks Department Parking Lot Resurfacing – Award of Bid

Jeff Boyle, Director of Parks, stated the Parks Department parking lot is in disrepair and becomes extremely muddy after rain and snow events. In order to handle the large equipment and truck traffic, it was determined that resurfacing the lot with concrete would be the best reconstruction option. An amount of \$156,000 is budgeted in the Special Park and Recreation Budget for this purpose. The low bid for the project was submitted from T&T Builders, LLC in the amount of \$136,180, or \$19,820 under budget. The new parking lot will include a new entrance/exit that will allow for traffic in both directions, which is not currently possible. This will allow large delivery trucks and trucks with trailers to easily enter and exit the facility.

At the September 9, 2021 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to approve the low bid from T&T Builders, LLC for concrete resurfacing of the Parks Department parking lot in the amount of \$136,180, for the base bid and alternate 1.

2021 Uniform Public Offense Code/2021 Standard Traffic Ordinance

Don Scheibler, Chief of Police, stated the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) publishes a revised version of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities and the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities on a yearly basis. These ordinances contain the most current legislative changes and updates put into place annually by the Kansas Legislature. These books are designed to provide comprehensive laws for Kansas communities and for the most part they parallel the state traffic and criminal codes. The majority of both books remain the same from year to year.

Chief Scheibler reviewed the notable changes to the documents for 2021.

At the September 9, 2021 Commission meeting, City Commissioners will be asked to approve the ordinances adopting the 2021 revised versions of the Uniformed Public Offense Code and Standard Traffic Ordinance for use in the City of Hays.

Rezoning Request for 210 West 13th Street from Public and Institutional District (P-I) to Residential Multi-Family District (R-M)

Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, stated that an application has been submitted by Todd Co., LLC to request a change in zoning from Public and Institutional District (P-I) to Residential Multi-Family District (R-M) for the property located at 210 West 13th Street. The building was formerly St. Joseph School and Parish Center.

In 1907 the St. Joseph Parish Center was built and used as a school and administrative building for many years. The building has not been used for more than five years and the Diocese has decided to sell the property to Todd Co., LLC, who plans to renovate the property into multi-family apartments. The building is listed as a historical structure and is eligible for tax credits from the State of Kansas. The property is also located within the Neighborhood Revitalization Program area and is eligible for tax rebates for 10 years.

Mr. Rohr stated that this rezoning request is logical and continues with the character of the neighborhood of multi-family residential housing surrounding the property.

Mayor Jacobs commented that she is pleased to see that someone is interested in that wonderful building and stated this would be a huge addition to the downtown area.

At the September 9, 2021 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to adopt an ordinance approving the change in zoning from Public and Institutional District (P-I) to Residential Multi-Family District (R-M) for the property located at 210 West 13th Street.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Mellick stated it is great to see fall sports back for both high school and college students.

The work session was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk