

City of Hays  
City Commission  
Work Session Notes

Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Alaina Cunningham

**September 7, 2023 Work Session Notes**

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on September 7, 2023; the minutes stand approved as presented.

**Fire Station Network Connectivity**

Chad Ruder, Director of Information Technology, stated that with the construction of a new Fire Station at 41<sup>st</sup> and Post Road, network connectivity to the building has to be addressed to allow for access to the resources the Fire Department needs for their daily operations. The best solution to provide our standard of network function, speed, and reliability to this new facility is to connect it to City Hall via high-speed dedicated fiber optic cabling. He added that this new facility also provides the opportunity to migrate the City's core datacenter from City Hall to the new Fire Station to alleviate flooding and overhead water concerns.

Staff solicited proposals, in partnership with Ellis County, for dedicated fiber optic connectivity. The proposal is to originate at City Hall where City and County would share cost by length to a logical point and then split off to complete the connections to the City Fire Station and the proposed County Public Works Facility. Although the cable would be shared from City Hall, the individual fiber strands within the cable would be completely segregated, allowing the City and County to each have 12 dedicated strands for current needs and future growth to our new facilities.

The low bid was submitted by Nex-Tech in the amount of \$239,474, the City share being \$94,608 and the County share being \$144,866.

At the September 28, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to authorize the City Manager to execute payment to Nex-Tech in the amount of \$94,608 for fiber optic cabling services to provide connectivity to the new Fire Station at 41<sup>st</sup> and Post Road, funded by City Commission Capital Reserves.

**KCWI Addition – Final Plat**

Jesse Rohr, Director of Public Works, reported that an application has been submitted for the Final Plat of the KCWI Addition, being a replat of a portion of Golden Belt 4<sup>th</sup> Addition from 1977. These properties are owned by KC Western Investments, LLC and have remained vacant property since 2012 when the former St. John’s Nursing Facility was demolished. The property is located between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Street just west of Canterbury Drive. The proposed plat includes six lots ranging in size from 7,426 square feet to 27,964 square feet, which would accommodate planned multi-family development on the property.

The final plat meets the requirements of the current subdivision regulations regarding lot size, setbacks, and specific utility requirements. Staff, as well as the Hays Area Planning Commission, recommend approving the final plat of KCWI Addition as submitted.

At the September 28, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to approve a resolution accepting the KCWI Addition Final Plat.

**Other Items for Discussion**

There were no other items presented for discussion.

The work session was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Brenda Kitchen – City Clerk