

City of Hays

Budget FY 23-24

Minutes for 7-5-2023 meeting

The meeting began at 5:45 pm. In attendance were Mayor Billy Maphies, Councilwomen Lydia Bryan-Valdez and Glennell Strawn, and City Treasurer Harvey Davis. Absent was City Secretary Cynthia McCall. Also in attendance was City Engineer Don Rauschuber.

The committee agreed that the main mission of the city is the maintenance and improvement of an excellent water system. The priority project for FY24 is to drill the City of Hays well #3 and to plug well #1. These projects will cost the city about \$149,803 and \$8,439 respectively. Mr. Rauschuber concurred that those estimates were about right. Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez suggested adding 5% to the estimates for budget purposes. The committee agreed with the suggestion.

The second major project is purchasing and installing generators for both water systems (City of Hays and Elliott Ranch). The City applied for a FEMA grant to cover 90% of the cost. Mr. Rauschuber estimated the city's share plus outside grant cost to be \$38,019. Mr. Davis told the committee that nothing can be done until the grant is approved due to FEMA grant rules. Mr. Rauschuber said that once the order is made, delivery will take an estimated 50 weeks.

A third project is the application for a drainage grant. The application process is predicted to start in September 2023. GrantWorks was hired to write the grant and their fee to start the process is \$3,000. We predict the approval or denial will happen after FY24.

Mr. Davis discussed the need for a budget calendar, so the city meets all its deadlines for adopting the budget and tax rate.

Mr. Davis hopes to have the budget worksheets ready in a week or so after the June books are closed.

The committee agreed to tentatively plan to meet on July 24th at 6:00 pm.

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7/27/23

Cynthia McCall
