

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes

Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Sandy Jacobs, Mason Ruder, Reese Barrick, Shaun Musil, Toby Dougherty, Kim Rupp, and Melvin Sauer Jr.

Absent: Alaina Cunningham

January 16, 2025 Work Session Notes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the work session held on January 16, 2025; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Water Reclamation Filter Media Replacement – Award of Bid

Jeff Crispin, Director of Water Resources, stated that the Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility beneficially reuses a significant portion of its total annual wastewater flow for irrigation at some of the City's recreational facilities, mostly the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course and Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex. The Water Reclamation Tertiary Filter helps ensure the plant effluent is of the best quality. The filter was originally equipped with panels of polyester fabric media. Initially, these were satisfactory, but after a few years, the routine cleaning has not been as effective as it was previously, making the run times on the machine higher than expected. The polyester media has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. The replaced filter media will be stainless steel, which should provide a 10-year solution.

The Water Reclamation Filter System is manufactured by Evoqua Water Technologies, an approved sole source vendor for the Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility. The 504 panels and supporting parts within the filter system are specifically designed and manufactured for this unit and not provided by another vendor. A quote was obtained from Evoqua Water Technologies for full replacement at a cost of \$48,087.90, which was under the \$70,000 budget.

At the February 13, 2025 Commission meeting, Commissioners will be asked to authorize the purchase of Water Reclamation Filter Media in the amount of \$48,087.90 to be funded from the Projects line in the Water Reclamation and Reuse Operating Budget.

Other Items for Discussion

Jarrod Kuckelman, Assistant City Manager, introduced James Bell as the new Public Relations Manager for the City of Hays.

The work session was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Jami Breit –City Clerk