



MINUTE RECORD
Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: November 2, 2015

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY PAULA SCOTT, MAYOR. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Sandra Williams, Steve Carmichael, Adam Wright, Les Banman, Shauna Schoepf-Pearce.

Absent: None.

Others: Leslie Atherton, Rob Pell, Cole Rush, Dave Eulenstein, Grant Overstake, Delon Martens, Kylie Rush, Larry LaPierre, Mark Stade, Julie Stade, Dave Eulenstein, Shannon Atherton, Shannin Rettig, Delon Martens.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and followed with the moment to honor those who have served in the military, First Responders, and other Public Service to our Country and Community. Banman requested special recognition to Ian Arndt, a first responder that resides in Haven.

No additions were made to the agenda.

Mark Stade signed up for public comment. Stade said it is ridiculous to have a law (the City's current pet ordinance) that makes most of the City's residents "criminals" so it is good that the Council is taking a look at the ordinance. He mentioned that some other nearby communities / cities have less stringent regulation. He spoke specifically of Wichita, Hutchinson, but noted those ordinances might not relate specifically to us because we are more rural and do not have dedicated Animal Control. He offered the assistance of his wife in the formulation of new pet regulations.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 19, 2015, meeting were approved after motion from Carmichael and second from Banman. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Schoepf-Pearce moved to approve accounts payable, totaling \$39,717.41. Carmichael seconded, and all members voted in favor of the same.

Discuss / Consider Revised Pet Ordinance

Members were provided with a revised copy of the City's pet ordinance. Atherton gave a rundown of the differences between the proposed pet ordinance and the City's current ordinance. Next, Mayor Scott asked for feedback. Williams asked for the Council to review the avian flu information provided. Banman suggested requiring fowl to be vaccinated. Wright heard feedback from citizens suggesting allowance of permitted fowl be provided on a case-by-case basis. Banman advised most of the feedback he has received has been against allowing further animals, though he thinks the addition of household pets would be appropriate. Carmichael also heard from citizens that were adamant they didn't want farm animals in town. Schoepf-Pearce said she received feedback on both of sides of the issue. Wright said he wasn't a big fan of allowing ducks and geese, pot-bellied pigs, and miniature domestic goats. Carmichael agreed but said he would be okay with adding the section expanding what could be allowed as household pets.

A list of items to consider and vote on for inclusion or exclusion in the ordinance was populated. However, no vote was taken as at least one Council member requested more time to think and pursue feedback on the matter.

Approved 11-16-2015.



Approve Ball Diamond Lease Agreement with USD 312

Members were provided with the proposed lease agreement between the City and USD 312 regarding a portion of the ball diamond property at Engweiler Park.

Wright moved and Carmichael seconded to enter into the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Board: Consider Engweiler Park Plan

Approve Bid for Leveling

Consider Burying Electrical Lines at Engweiler Park

Delon Martens, Chairperson of the Park Board, noted that the plan provided to the Council is a draft / work-in-progress. He requested approval of expenditure to add parking to the south side of the swimming pool. Wright moved and Banman seconded to approve the bid provided by Bill Guhl at a total cost of \$4,150. Motion passed five to zero.

Martens also requested authorization of expenditures to bury the overhead electrical lines at Engweiler Park. Pell advised this would require the purchase of two pad mount transformers for a total expenditure of \$15,000 - \$17,000. Atherton advised the Park Board has access to roughly \$18,350 in the budget to pursue this project and safely cover the remainder of the year's expected expenditures. Banman moved to allow the Park Board to spend up to \$18,000 to bury the electrical at Engweiler Park. Carmichael seconded, and the motion carried five to zero.

Consider Revised Position Description for Building Inspector / Code Enforcer

A revised position description for Building Inspector / Code Enforcer was presented. Carmichael moved to accept the revised position description. Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consider Purchase of Pad mount Transformer from Mt. Hope

Currently, the City has no replacement ground transformers on hand. Mt. Hope has two they are no longer utilizing that they are offering to us at \$250 / piece, plus a \$35 fee to change out the oil in them, for a total requested expenditure of \$570. Carmichael moved to approve the purchase. Schoepf-Pearce seconded, and the motion carried with five "yes" votes.

Executive Session

Wright moved and Williams seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss the job performance of the Electrical Distribution Superintendent with Public Works Director, Rob Pell, present, the open meeting to resume at 8:15PM. Motion carried.

At 8:15 PM, regular session resumed.

Public Works Director Updates:

Pell advised:

- A teleconference was had with Westar representatives today. Suzanne Lane, the wholesale representative, and one of the supervisors will be attending the next Council meeting to address reliability issues and answer concerns of citizens and the Council. Mayor Scott advised Council members to send to Atherton any questions or concerns that they want Westar to specifically address.
- Water leaks have been plaguing the City as well. There was a pretty major service line leak on 6th Street today.
- The ad for maintenance technician has been placed and yielded a few applications.
- Street sweeper is undergoing a few repairs before it is sent out again.
- The gutters of 5th Street were cleaned out today.



- In the future, Pell will be presenting some ideas for future improvements to the City's electrical system, including contracting out the tree trimming.

Chief of Police Updates

Chief Rush provided the following updates:

- An email praising Officer Eulenstein was provided to the Council.
- Officer Salmans will attend Child Safety Seat training tomorrow.
- The department is working to obtain information on training in relationship to Animal Control.
- Halloween was incident-free.
- Wright received a complaint about "over-patrolling" K-96. Chief Rush responded by saying the Sheriff's Department Sergeants and Kansas Highway Patrolmen have expressed appreciation for Haven's efforts along 96. He also voiced his opinion that he thought the accident rate on K-96 has decreased. Mayor Scott said she felt the primary focus of the police department should be the citizens of Haven. Carmichael spoke in favor of the department patrolling Haven Road and K-96. Schoepf-Pearce said, from a business perspective, she didn't want people to avoid Haven or coming into Haven because the outer area is over-policed. Chief Rush said he has decreased K-96 patrols already in response to a concern from Mayor Scott.

Council Concerns

Carmichael expressed appreciation for the "excellent" work the office staff did to get information out to citizens during the electrical outages this week.

Agenda Planning – Items for November 16

Items posted were read aloud. No additions were made.

Adjournment

At 8:31 PM, Wright moved and Banman seconded for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/

Paula J. Scott, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Leslie Atherton, City Clerk