



**MINUTE RECORD**  
**Regular Council Meeting City of Haven**

**Meeting: REGULAR**

**Date: June 4, 2012**

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MIKE ALFERS, MAYOR, WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Council Member: Adam Wright**

**Council Member: Don Ford.**

**Council Member: John Mitchell**

**Council Member: Don Etchison**

**Absent: Paula Scott.**

**Others: Leslie Warden, Allen Blake, Robert Pell, Cole Rush, Marlen Cohn, Larry Bolton, Jack Parker, Francis Schoepf, Don Hindman, Joyce Hindman, Sonia Yutzy, Glenna Norris, Lindsey Young, Joey Young, Jeff Stringer, Tom Oxley, Kim Peirce, Trudy Littlestar, Larry Cupps, Charles Arndt, Todd Dunn, Merritt Wright, Jamie Shive.**

**Reconvene Public Hearing on Annexation of Reno Manufacturing / Haven Steel Products**

Mayor Alferts reconvened the public hearing on annexation of Reno Manufacturing. Mike Kennalley, attorney for Haven Steel Products, addressed the governing body. He noted that Haven Steel has been in business for 44 years, has 145 employees, and is the largest consumer of City electricity. However, HSP is now exploring obtaining electricity from another source. He contended that annexing HSP into the City jeopardizes an existing business.

Kennalley also contended that the Council's discussion of the annexation at the May 21, 2012, meeting was a violation of KSA 12-520(a).

Francis Schoepf also addressed the Council. He suggested tabling the issue for a year because it is never good to make a decision about an issue while the topic is heated. The Mayor asked what tabling the issue would do, seeing as it has already been tabled for a number of years. Schoepf said it could be tabled indefinitely.

Larry Bolton, attorney for City of Haven, addressed Kennalley's contention regarding violation of K.S.A. 12-520(a). He advised that he didn't see a problem there seeing as the previous meeting was adjourned and a date was set to reconvene. Ultimately, he noted, the issue before the Council is not a legal issue but a policy decision.

Etchison moved to approve annexation of Reno Manufacturing while expressing his wishes to represent the taxpayers well and to continue to work with Haven Steel Products. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed three to one. Wright held the opposing vote.

At that time, Etchison moved to officially adopt Ordinance 608 regarding the same. Mitchell seconded, and the motion carried with one opposing vote from Wright.



### **Library Board: Proposed 2013 Budget**

Trudy Littlestar, Chairperson of the Library Board, presented their proposed 2013 Budget. At \$50,107, it showed an increase of \$100 from the 2012 budget, requiring a subsidy of \$36,652 from the City.

No action was taken.

### **Drainage Project / Cupps**

Bolton explained that he had received no response from the Cupps regarding the offer the City made to them to settle the matter. Cupps, who was present at the meeting, had no comment. Mitchell moved to go forward with pursuing imminent domain proceedings. Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:20 PM, Mitchell moved that the Council recess into a ten-minute executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to review applications for groundskeeper with Allen Blake and the Park Board representatives present. Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session. Then Wright moved to hire Taylor Carlson as groundskeeper at \$10.50 per hour. Etchison seconded, and the motion carried.

### **Public Works Director Updates**

City Administrator, Allen Blake, provided the following updates:

- The “Auterson Jumper” electrical upgrade is complete.
- Blake presented a proposal to upgrade service to Kincaid Equipment and Mid-Kansas Cooperative, totaling around \$25,000. The Council asked Blake to obtain written approval from KEM that they are willing to share in the cost of the upgrade before proceeding further.
- As soon as Kansas Gas Service is done with area upgrades, the ditchliner project will take place.
- Bids were opened on the nitrate removal treatment portion of the Water Project. The low bid came in at \$406,460. The engineer’s estimate was around \$600,000.
- The last windstorm damaged the flagpole that stands at the City Office. Replacing it would cost around \$1500. The Council unanimously agreed to fix the existing pole rather than replace it.

### **Chief of Police Updates**

Chief Rob Pell presented the following updates:

- The new police bike is in operation.
- Pell presented his proposed 2013 budget totaling \$195,300, a 7.5% increase over the 2012 budget. He noted that he does plan on having the department participate in Click It or Ticket in 2013. No action was taken.

### **Sonia Yutzy, Park Board: 2013 Budget Proposal and Updates**

Yutzy advised that her 2013 budget request would remain at the 2012 level -- \$12,500.



She advised that she would like to have 12' shelters / shades / awnings installed next to the pool on the east side. The Council suggested she decide exactly what she wants and present bids / estimates.

The Park Board has ordered 15 clamp-on umbrellas for use at the pool. Pool manager, Mark Robinson, did approve the same and request the installation of a baby changing station. The Council suggested putting one in each bathroom (Men's and Women's). The Park Board also approved the purchase of two boxes of Splashers (baby swim diapers) to sell at the pool for a nominal fee. For \$200, Ginny Hornbeck will touch-up the mural at Veterans' Park.

Discussion also took place regarding 150 bags of mulch, a "Wilderness Haven Veterans Park" sign, new play equipment for Veterans' Park, the need for the floors to be redone at Haven Community Building. The Council sent the Park Board back to the drawing board on play equipment for Veterans Park, and the Mayor suggested Mitchell aid with the search for the right playset.

#### **Accounts Payable**

Ford moved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$281,712.44. Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ford then moved to approve the accounts payable to Mitchell Hardware, totaling \$812.15. Etchison seconded, and the motion passed. Mitchell abstained from voting.

Council members were provided with a comparison of JUS receipts to deposits made to utility funds for the month of May.

#### **Discuss City's Sponsorship of Babe Ruth Baseball**

Historically, the City has sponsored Babe Ruth Baseball through the purchase of one dozen baseballs, payment of an entry fee of around \$250, allowing Babe Ruth to run the concession stand at the diamonds, use of the diamonds. Though the City provides the chalk for the fields, Babe Ruth representatives actually perform the labor. This year, for the first time, Haven actually has two Babe Ruth teams, causing entry fees to be around \$600. After discussion among the Council and input from Recreation Director, Merritt Wright, the Council agreed to pay the total entry fees, by way of motion from Mitchell and second from Ford. Wright will put the same in the Recreation Budget moving forward.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from the May 7 and May 21 meetings were unanimously approved by way of motion from Mitchell and second from Etchison.

#### **Council Concerns**

Blake mentioned the City will be switching recycling services and hopper services at the Burn Site from Stutzman's to Nisly Brothers.

Wright asked Blake if he still planned to paint the shop. Blake responded affirmatively, noting the paint would total around \$400. Mitchell and Wright were opposed to the idea. Mayor Alferts thought it was a good idea to sharpen the appearance of the maintenance building, a permanent



City structure, and suggested giving department heads the latitude to take pride in their employees and work materials.

The Council expressed their thanks for the work Les Banman did on the (4) planters at Kansas and Main.

**Adjournment**

At 8:53 PM, Ford moved for adjournment. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mike H. Alferts, Mayor

Attest:

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Leslie Warden, City Clerk