



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

**Meeting: REGULAR**

**Date: June 18, 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**

**Council Member: Paula Scott.**

**Others: Leslie Warden, Allen Blake, Robert Pell, Cole Rush, Joey Young, Jeff Stringer, Merritt Wright, Jonathan Lawrence, Elaine Pell, David Chamberlain, Cheryl Savaiano, Charlie Wagner, Stephanie Carlson, Kylie Rush, Tony Troyer, Doug Murphy, and Eldon Miller.**

**Eldon Miller: Police Department Issue** *(Sponsored by Mayor Alferts)*

Eldon Miller presented a safety concern to the council stemming from a horse that got loose from a hitching post in Haven two weeks ago. Once loose, the horse trotted home, crossing Main and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, exiting Haven via Reno Avenue, dragging a buggy the entire way. Though Miller was not blaming anybody, he stated he definitely thought someone let the horse loose. To his knowledge, this is the third time this has occurred in the last twenty years, and he wanted the Council to be aware of the danger to public safety caused by these types of incidents.

**Tree Board: Proposed 2013 Budget**

Stephanie Carlson, chairperson of the Tree Board, presented the 2013 budget request of \$13,000, which is the same as the 2011 and 2012 budget requests. She advised that in 2013 the Tree Board will concentrate on removing the older, larger, dying trees.

A brief discussion took place regarding the watering of the trees at Veterans' Park.

**Booster Club**

Carlson also requested use of the City's tennis courts to hold the yearly dance on Spirit Night, Friday, August 24. Permission was granted by way of Council consensus.

**PRIDE: Christmas Decorations**

Cheryl Savaiano and Charlie Wagner of the PRIDE Committee appeared before the Council. Catalogs of Christmas Decorations were passed around, and a discussion about decoration type, bulb type, and project budget (\$10,000) took place. Savaiano and Wagner will return to the July 16, 2012, with a proposal including three options.

**Ron Hirst, Quest Center: E-Community**

Hirst described the E-Community program, which basically offers small business / business start-up loans utilizing funds from the sale of tax credits by Network Kansas and matching funds from Quest Center. No funding is required from the City. Hirst asked only for a letter of support.



Wright moved for the issuance of the same. Etchison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Recreation Board: Proposed 2013 Budget**

At 7:38 PM, Merritt Wright, Recreation Director, and David Chamberlain, Recreation Board Chairperson, presented their proposal for the 2013 Budget, totaling \$38,021. This amount includes \$4,600 to replace shabby fencing around the ball diamonds and \$2,990 to replace nearly 10-year-old basketball goals. Discussion took place about evaluating programs (i.e. crafts, t-ball, etc.) using a revenue vs. cost basis. Scott asked for a report of income the program has brought in. The Council as a majority seemed to agree that a more detailed accounting of revenues would be necessary in the future.

At the recommendation of the Recreation Board, Scott approved the appointment of Elaine Pell to the Board (no term given). Mitchell seconded, and all voted in favor of the same.

#### **Allowing Non-Residents to Serve on the Recreation Board**

This topic was taken up at the most recent Recreation Board meeting. Because many of the kids utilizing the recreation programs come from the surrounding rural areas and communities, the Recreation Board expressed their desire to allow individuals from those areas the ability to serve on the Board. Because the Recreation programs are funded by City dollars, however, the Council agreed that having those non-resident members vote on spending issues would be a problem. After a dizzying discussion, Mitchell moved to allow non-residents to serve as non-voting members on any City boards, if the boards so desire. Wright seconded, and the motion carried with three "yes" votes. Etchison and Scott opposed.

#### **Ambulance Board: Proposed 2013 Budget**

Tony Troyer, EMS Director, presented the board's 2013 budget proposal, totaling \$208,881. The City's expected contribution to this would be \$64,440.50. The proposal includes a yearly payment of \$1,000 to the medical director, an increase in wages for the day call person, and an increase in pay for the EMS Director.

#### **Public Works Director Updates**

City Administrator, Allen Blake, provided the following updates:

- A Pre-Construction Conference on the Water Project took place today. The engineer, contractor, and a representative from Kansas Gas Service were all present. The first request for payment will appear before the council at the first meeting in August.
- Due to storms, a handful of electrical outages have occurred recently. The first was caused by lightning striking a transformer, and the most recent was due to a blown fuse at the substation. Discussion took place regarding communication about outages and the need for employees to be on-call.
- Mitchell moved for the City to take sealed bids on the recycle trailer and the 1983 Bobcat. Ford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The need for improvement to the Kincaid / Coop service was discussed again. The Mayor expressed his desire to make the improvement happen, to deliver consistent, reliable electric service to the City's customers. Previously, the Council asked Blake to obtain written approval from Kincaid to share in the cost of the improvement. Blake advised that since that time he, Josh Wright, electrical superintendent, and a representative from Kincaid have talked and see no reason Kincaid should have to



pay anything to ensure integrity of the service is maintained. Wright advised he spoke to someone with Kenny's Electric, and he advised that this improvement is necessary and probably overdue. Wright then moved to approve the electrical improvement, for \$20,000 - \$24,000. Ford seconded, and the motion passed four to one. Mitchell held the opposing vote.

### **Chief of Police Updates**

Chief Rob Pell presented the following updates:

- The Department has put about 80 miles on the police bicycle.
- The Haven Police Department Reserve Officers will take over working the events of the Haven schools for around \$300 a year.
- Mitchell expressed concern about semis delivering wheat to the Coop and blocking Reno Avenue in the process. One farmer suggested placing signs restricting access to S. Reno during harvest. Chief Pell said he would communicate with Coop employees about the matter.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the June 4, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with a motion from Ford and a second from Wright.

### **Accounts Payable**

Scott moved to approve the accounts payable totaling \$146,580.17. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council members were provided with a summary of receipts and disbursements for the month of May 2012 as well as a comparison of actual to budgeted expenditures for January through May 2012.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:02 PM, Etchison moved and Wright seconded for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/  
Mike H. Alferts, Mayor

Attest:

/s/  
Leslie Warden, City Clerk