

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS
September 15, 2008

In the absence of Mayor Cody Littlestar, Council President Charles Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. Council members present for the meeting were Amy Hirst, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, Don Ford and Paula Scott.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen advised the Council that the City's auditor requested an inventory of the City Shop including dollar values. The minimum value of items to be included in the inventory is up to the discretion of the Council. After discussion, Paula Scott moved to conduct an inventory of the City Shop listing items valued at \$500 and above. Jeff Stringer seconded, and the motion carried four to zero.

Tree trimming is being done. A wiring problem has been repaired on the new trash truck and the unit has been sent to the paint shop for detailing. Delivery is expected by September 17th. Andresen suggested selling some older equipment at the shop and purchasing an additional John Deere front deck mower. The Council requested that the Maintenance Supervisor remain at Council meetings until after the completion of public comments, so that he could be available to help answer questions.

Ken Jorns, candidate for Reno County Commission, advised that he was in the process of visiting area City Councils as a way of introduction. He reviewed a map illustrating District 2 and noted several challenging issues facing the Commission in the future.

City Administrator Allen Blake reviewed a resolution providing landlords with continued electrical service when a tenant vacates a residence. The resolution is similar to current Resolution 80 but updates the amount of tenant deposit to \$250. Don Ford moved to approve Resolution #210 as presented. Paula Scott seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Council briefly reviewed a sample job description outlining general duties and responsibilities of personnel. There was general approval and the Administrator will work with Supervisors to complete job descriptions for all employees. The Council suggested that stronger wording be used to describe the management provided by the City Administrator.

The Engineer for the lagoon expansion project is still awaiting KDHE approval of plans so that bids can be obtained. The City's electric bill for the month of September was a record high dollar amount. The Council discussed the energy cost adjustment and the possibility of wind energy as a resource. The City Attorney filed a motion to set a deadline for finalizing the Paul Moore estate. The Administrator is researching revisions in the City zoning and building codes.

Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Scott and second by Stringer. Bills and transfers totaling \$177,598.53 were approved for payment after a motion by Scott and a second by Ford.

Full-time employees will be given the option of purchasing supplemental insurance coverage through AFLAC. City Clerk Cheryl Savaiano advised that' with the escalation of electricity expenses, budget authority for the last quarter of the year would be limited. The Council agreed to consider separating the Park and Rec board back into two different boards at the October 6 meeting.

At 8:00 PM, Jeff Stringer moved for adjournment. Paula Scott seconded, and the motion passed with four yes votes.