

MINUTE RECORD
Regular and Special Council Meetings City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: November 3, 2008

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CODY R. LITTLESTAR, MAYOR WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member: Amy Hirst

Council Member: Jeff Stringer

Council Member: Charles Arndt

Council Member: Don Ford

Council Member: Paula Scott

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Harland Priddle, John Mitchell, Mary Andresen, Bill Thomas, Ann Chesnut, Merritt, Sandy, and Sarah Wright, Afton Hodo, Bo Galvin, Tony Troyer, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Littlestar called a public hearing to order at 7:00 PM to consider adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the city. Harland Priddle explained that the application procedure would be simplified to allow county officials to process paperwork, alleviating work on the city level. Once state approval was received, the program could be effective by January 2009. Terms of the program would allow tax rebate on new construction or renovations involving a 15% or \$10,000 raise in the appraised value of the property. Taxing entities included the city, Reno County, USD 312, and Hutchinson Community College. At 7:15 PM the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 578:

Charles Arndt moved to approve Ordinance #578 adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the City of Haven. Paula Scott seconded, and motion passed five to zero.

TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS:

Mary Andresen was concerned about a speeding motorist she had observed in a school zone on October 28. She had called for the police chief who was in a meeting at the time. Police Chief Allen Blake suggested that in such cases she call 911.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE:

EMS Director Tony Troyer reviewed specifications on a Lifeline ambulance. As a demonstrator, the unit could be purchased for \$133,000 to \$134,000, with service possibly established at a local dealership. Council was generally agreeable to the purchase, however delivery would be several months out. Tony confirmed that the old fire station would be available for the Wellness Committee.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Allen Andresen advised that APAC-Shears would mill East Main on November 4th and Kansas Avenue on November 5th, with overlay to follow. There had been a request to mill the crown on East Main for easier access to alleys, however funding would need to be allocated in the 2009 budget.

Tree trimming was approximately three-quarters complete.

Six water leaks had been repaired in the last two weeks.

All but four transformers had been moved inside the fenced area at the shop.

American Flags would be displayed for Veterans' Day on November 11.

Street sweeping was scheduled for the end of the week.

Members briefly discussed a location for the antique fire truck, with no resolution.

The mayor requested estimates on fuel consumption for city vehicles.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

In a lengthy discussion with the Merritt Wright family, Council discussed the legal status of an American Staffordshire terrier owned by Sarah Wright. As the dog is prohibited by city ordinance, Council agreed to review an alternate option that would provide allowance for non-aggressive dogs.

Members agreed with the city's past policy of charging for sewer service when a residence also had water service.

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Council also agreed that Fire District #9 would be charged for utility services.

With a question on the availability of a title for the 2004 dump truck, members opted not to sign a lease-purchase agreement for the vehicle. Payment for the unit was planned for January 19, 2009.

Council reviewed a tabulation of bids for the sewer lagoon project showing six contractors who had participated. Charles Arndt moved to provide a statement of recommendation for using the low bidder for the project. Paula Scott seconded, and motion passed unanimously. Members also discussed sludge removal for Cells 2 and 3 and also the construction of a concrete apron around the new cell versus a plastic liner.

Allen planned to attend a meeting promoting energy conservation hosted by Kansas Power Pool at Mt. Hope City Hall on November 5th.

Council agreed to have Allen visit with personnel from APAC-Shears regarding future valley gutter replacements while they were completing the overlay project.

Members agreed to reviewing sample dog ordinances from other cities rather than customizing a document specifically for Haven.

Council expressed no interest in entering into a contract for future vehicle fuel purchases.

The city did not need to take action regarding the sale of the Mt. Hope Clarion, as the newspaper's name did not change.

Allen and Don Ford would attend the November 5th meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board regarding segregation into two separate committees.

The Chesnut family had taken legal action against the Board of Zoning Appeals. The paperwork had been faxed to the city attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Mitchell questioned the maintenance schedule on city fire hydrants. Members agreed that city rather than county personnel should establish a plan.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Scott and a second by Ford.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$94,158.76 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Scott.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Members agreed to hold their annual Christmas dinner at the community building on December 1.

Council reviewed the 2009 budget for Parks & Recreation and agreed to solicit current members to serve on a separate Park Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:25 PM, Paula Scott moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion carried with five yes votes.

Cody R. Littlestar, Mayor

Cheryl Savaiano, Clerk