

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2009

PRESENT: Cody Littlestar, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, Don Ford, and Paula Scott

ABSENT: Amy Hirst

OTHERS: Merritt Wright, Sarah Simon, Sonia Yutzy, Dean and Ann Chesnut, Bill Thomas, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

RECREATION BOARD – PURCHASE OF BLEACHERS:

Merritt Wright and Sarah Simon presented a bid of \$2,364.00 from Pro-Bound Sports for two sets of yellow and black bleachers to be placed at the small softball diamond at 5th and Haven Road. Delivery was scheduled for mid-February, and the units would be placed on concrete pads supplied by a local contractor. With limited discussion, Don Ford moved to purchase the bleachers including concrete pads not to exceed \$3,800.00 Charles Arndt seconded, and motion passed with four yes votes. In added discussion, Council agreed to have city personnel complete the dirt work to allow storm water to drain away from the third base line.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reported that the dead-end sign on Westland Drive had been replaced.

The metal plate at 5th and Stadium had been repaired.

Council agreed to remove two pine trees grown into power lines on Southland Drive and also treat the stumps.

Electric service needed to be interrupted to repair bad switches at the Westar substation. Members agreed to schedule the outage for January 31 at midnight, pending coordination with USD 312.

Pricing information for a John Deere mower would be available at the February 2, meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Members reviewed a listing of committee members to be appointed to two-year terms on the Ambulance Board, Recreation Board, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals. Chuck Dickey had sent correspondence declining his appointment. With limited discussion, Paula Scott moved to approve appointments to city boards for two-year terms as listed with the addition of Sarah Simon to the Recreation Board and the one-year term limit of David Chamberlain. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

GAAP WAIVER:

Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #217 waving requirements of the Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures for 2008. Paula Scott seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

OUTSTANDING CHECKS:

Don Ford moved to cancel outstanding checks more than two years old to include #35978, 36511, 36879, and 37175 and deposit them back into the appropriate funds. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion carried with four yes votes.

DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL FOR 210 BUDGET:

Paula Scott moved to appoint the city clerk as a representative to Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk and Loyd in the preparation of the 2010 Budget. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

STREET RE-NAMING:

Members agreed to proceed with plans to re-name Industrial Drive to Priddle-Industrial Drive. At the recommendation of the city attorney, a public hearing should be held, affected landowners given notice and an ordinance executed. Council briefly discussed some opposition that had been expressed with regard to the change.

PATROL CAR:

Allen Blake indicated the availability of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria from the State Highway Patrol at a cost of \$13,975.00. The unit would replace the city's 1997 patrol car. Charles Arndt moved to approve the purchase as presented. Paula Scott seconded, and motion passed with four yes votes.

REVISION IN UTILITY RATES:

Allen advised that in the resolution passed at the January 5th meeting, electric demand increase was listed at .001 cents per KWH rather than .01 cents per KWH. He also advised that in the past all-electric customers had been given a 15% discount in view of the high volume of power used in the winter months. That allowance had also been omitted from the previous resolution. Members discussed the policy of discounting volume usage in the winter. Don Ford moved to approve Resolution #218 approving the revisions as printed. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

RECYCLING:

Allen indicated that the city was on a waiting list to receive a recycling hopper.

WEBSITE UPDATES:

Council information had been updated on the city's Website.

RESOLUTION #219:

Jeff Stringer moved to approve Resolution #219 regarding full-time employee salaries. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #579:

Jeff Stringer moved to approve Ordinance #579 regarding salaries for the Police Chief/City Administrator and City Clerk. Don Ford seconded, and motion carried four to zero.

SEWER LAGOON PROJECT:

Allen reported that the first installment of the state revolving loan fund had been received by the city and then remitted to Certified Engineering Design. Construction of the new lagoon was to begin in February.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$85,382.00 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Scott and a second by Ford. Members were provided a financial summary for month end December 31, 2008 as well as a year-end financial dated the same. They also received a summary comparing final expenditures to the 2008 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Thomas questioned the cost of electricity for street and alley lights in comparison to lighting on Industrial Drive. Maintenance and overhead expenses were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 PM Paula Scott moved for adjournment. Don Ford seconded, and motion passed unanimously.