

## HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2009

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

OTHERS: John Mitchell, Mary Jane Elpers, Gary Cox, Betty Waggoner, Sonia Yutzy, Aaron Hirst, Bryce Matteson, Floyd Dodds, Charles Wagner, Bill Thomas, Andrea Brawner, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. John Mitchell requested that questions regarding the Paul Moore Estate be added to the agenda.

### **RE-NAMING INDUSTRIAL DRIVE:**

Bryce Matteson requested that the council re-name Industrial Drive in honor of Harland Priddle in view of his accomplishments on the local, state, and national level. Bryce felt that differences expressed in the hearing of February 2 could be worked out. Aaron Hirst read an e-mail message from Lois Schlickau who spoke in support of the name change. Aaron added his own expression of support. Gary Cox also spoke in favor of the re-naming project based on Harland's personal and professional attributes.

Mary Jane Elpers suggested that Harland was worthy of a bigger honor than re-naming an insignificant street. The transition to a new address would be a struggle for her business. Betty Waggoner asked the Council to consider some other method, due to the inconvenience and increased costs for affected businesses. She felt that an honorary designation would be more appropriate.

After further discussion, members agreed to consider passage of a resolution at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting giving honorary recognition to Harland Priddle by placing a street sign with black and gold coloring at the west and east sides of Industrial Drive. Mayor Littlestar asked for public input on the wording for the signs.

### **PAUL MOORE ESTATE:**

John Mitchell requested clarification on activities regarding the Paul Moore Estate, as he felt people needed to know what was happening. Mayor Littlestar explained that a deed to the property at 101 S. Kansas, furnished by a previous executor, was determined to be invalid by legal counsel. The city would be required to purchase the building if desired, and proceeds of the estate from all properties were to be used to build a "wilderness park." First National Bank, the current executor, was working with the city attorney to resolve issues involving the estate. Charles Wagner advised that PRIDE Committee would host another public meeting to gather input regarding the community's desires for the "old drug store," as developments progressed.

### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen presented specifications and two bids for a new mower. Proceeds from the sale of surplus equipment were to be used for payment. After discussion, Paula Scott moved to purchase a Land Pride mower from Schmidt and Sons at a cost of \$6,495.00. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion carried five to zero.

Bleachers for the Recreation Board had been assembled. Concrete was to be poured prior to installation. Three lights at the ball diamond were to be repaired, and personnel would use the city's box blade to correct the drainage problem at the ball field.

Kansas Gas Service was in the process of repairing some service lines. Residents were replacing two new sewer lines.

Members agreed to advertise for sealed bids to sell two utility trailers, one used copy machine, and one used fax machine.

A water leak had been discovered at 8 Stadium.

Ceiling tiles at the Library needed to be replaced.

The old street sweeper rather than contracted services would be used to clear leaves.

EMC Insurance had paid approximately 2/3 of the cost of the stolen transformers.

Electrical service at 209 W. 4<sup>th</sup> would be realigned, once building plans for a garage were confirmed.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

City Administrator Allen Blake advised that Fred Jordan had resigned as meter reader.

Members agreed to advertise for applicants.

Council discussed at length a 27% raise in the cost of Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance coverage for employees. Charles Arndt moved to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield and look at different ways to reduce the cost to the city with employee participation. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed with five yes votes.

Work on the sewer lagoon expansion was to begin this week.

Paula Scott moved to re-appoint Kevin Boese to the Recreation Board. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Members requested the city attorney's legal disclosure on the Paul Moore Estate.

Graphics for the 2007 patrol car had been applied.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Hirst.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Bills and transfers totaling \$105,568.29 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Scott and a second by Stringer. Members were provided a financial statement dated January 31, 2009, a summary comparing expenditures to the 2009 budget, and a comparison of receipts between the Jayhawk and Quicken computer programs.

Mayor Littlestar requested that an account with Airgas be established for oxygen and acetylene supplies for the shop.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:02 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a five-minute executive session to discuss personnel with Allen Blake present. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed five to zero. At 9:07 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Allen Blake agreed to obtain pricing information for surveillance cameras at Engweiler Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:08 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.