

**MINUTE RECORD**  
Regular and Special Council Meetings City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: April 20, 2009

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

Council Member:

Council Member: Jeff Stringer

Council Member: Charles Arndt

Council Member: Don Ford

Council Member: Paula Scott

**ABSENT:** Amy Hirst

**Others:** Sonia Yutzy, Dean Chesnut, John Mitchell, Ryan McCrory, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. An executive session to discuss personnel and review of annual scholarship applications were added to the agenda.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reported that only one bid had been received for street improvements. The original plan was to resurface 2<sup>nd</sup>, Topeka, and Reno Streets; however, Reno was dropped from consideration due to budget restraints. A bid of \$119,899.00 was received from APAC-Shears to resurface 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the south block of Topeka along with an 8-inch full base repair at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kansas Avenue. The project would be scheduled after completion of wheat harvest. At the end of discussion, Paula Scott moved to proceed with the resurfacing project as presented. Don Ford seconded, and motion passed four to zero. Allen also reported on the following items.

- Additional bidding information was due by May 1 for crack sealing.
- Parks had been sprayed for weed control.
- Swim pool preparation was in progress.
- A bid was forthcoming for the repair of seven (7) fire hydrants.
- A ceremony to reveal the “Harland Priddle” street signs would take place in June and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Asphalt had been ordered for repair of the pothole on North Hutchinson.
- Council requested early use of the solar panel at the swim pool to contain heating costs.
- A net for the tennis courts had been purchased. Personnel at USD 312 would install.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

Allen Blake indicated he was discussing with USDA Rural Development the possibility of a long-term loan for water improvements.

The lagoon project had been hampered by wet weather. Concrete work was in process, and three weeks worth of good weather was needed prior to application of the Bentonite seal.

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:**

Paula Scott moved to approve a proclamation declaring April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

**ANTI-FRAUD POLICY:**

Paula Scott moved to approve a policy with regard to preventing fraud as presented. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion carried with four yes votes.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Council received five applications for city-sponsored scholarships to Haven High School seniors. After individual review, Paula Scott moved to award a \$500 scholarship each to Trent Rhodes and Kyle Stringer. The money would be sent to the college or university of choice at the rate of \$250 per semester. Charles Arndt seconded the motion, which carried with yes votes from Arndt, Ford, and Scott, and one abstention from Stringer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Mitchell questioned the Council’s action to spend more money on street improvements that was budgeted through state and county disbursements. Members

advised that due to extreme increases in material costs street projects had to be supplemented through utility funds because of contractor minimums.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:42 PM, Paula Scott moved for a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion passed four to zero. At 7:57 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Bills and transfers totaling \$325,015.05 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Scott and a second by Ford.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

A question had arisen regarding the city's ordinance on junk vehicles. As long as the unit is tagged, insured, and driveable, the vehicle can remain on private property indefinitely. Vehicles with the same standards can be on street parking for 72 hours between moves.

A light bar had been mounted but not completely installed on the new patrol car.

A resident was concerned about the disregard of the stop signs at Kansas and Main.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:10 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed four to zero.