

MINUTE RECORD
Regular and Special Council Meetings City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: May 18, 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: Amy Hirst

Council Member: Jeff Stringer

Council Member: John Mitchell

Council Member: Don Ford

Council Member:

ABSENT: Paula Scott

Others: Mark Robinson, Taia Cordel, Virginia Elliott, Jessica Miller, Mark Trotman, Nathan Meyer, Lois Schlickau, Don Huston, Paul Wrablica, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, Dean and Ann Chesnut, Bill Thomas, Sonia Yutzy, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the city council chambers.

SWIM POOL MANAGER:

Members visited with Mark Robinson regarding plans for the 2009 swim season. Painting and repairs had been completed with the exception of the safety device for the drain cover as required by law. An adequate number of lifeguards had been hired. Council requested consistent use of the solar panel over the pool every night to help conserve on gas bills. Mark agreed to utilize the panel except in the case of stormy weather, which tends to damage the material. They also requested closer scrutiny over attendees who slip into the pool without paying admission. Wristbands or laminated cards could be used in the future to verify payment of seasonal passes. Swim lessons would be scheduled in July and admission rates would remain the same as 2008, with the pool opening tentative for Saturday, May 23rd.

2020 GROWTH COALITION:

Virginia Elliott, Jessica Miller, and Nathan Meyer reviewed goals and objectives for the Reno County 2020 Growth Coalition, designed to bring more residents to the area as well as enhance the quality of life. Lois Schlickau indicated that the Coalition had been instrumental in bringing the Siemens Corporation to Hutchinson, due to an aggressive interest in wind energy. Nathan requested the Council's commitment of \$587.50 for its 2010 budget, and members agreed to add the amount as a line item.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT:

Paul Wrablica with MW Towers LLC addressed members regarding a special use permit to construct a 260-foot communications tower on property south of K-96 Highway owned by Don Huston. The Planning Commission had recommended approval at its May 12th special hearing. After a brief question and answer session, John Mitchell moved to approve the permit as presented. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried four to zero.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

In an extended discussion, members reviewed the costs of purchasing or renting equipment to apply sealing material to cracks in city streets versus the option of contracting the services. At the end of discussion, Jeff Stringer moved to approve \$12,892.94 to Holland Paving for sealing the cracks. Don Ford seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

APAC-Shears would be in town this week to begin contracted street improvements.

Members discussed methods for alleviating a mud hole at the burn site by trenching pipe to Gar Creek. They also discussed either the sale or use of milling chips from the street improvement project.

The low water bridge at the burn site had been temporarily repaired by the sewer lagoon contractor and would be permanently restored after completion of the project. County personnel had also cleared a logjam from the creek.

Water samples for nitrate testing had been sent to KDHE on today's date. Lead and copper testing was to be done between June 1 and September 1, 2009. KDHE officials

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had advised of testing ground water sources for e-coli bacteria, as a new unfunded mandate. In view of the high estimates for waiving testing procedures, officials had also recommended no action at this time. Council agreed to budget additional money in the water fund for 2010 to prepare for testing expense.

Weeds along Industrial Drive had been treated except in areas where wheat was planted. Jeff Stringer advised that the chemical suggested to kill both the plant and the seed could only be purchased and distributed by a licensed applicator. Dean Chesnut suggested checking with Reno County officials for advice.

American flags would be displayed over the Memorial Day weekend.

No bid had been received for repair of fire hydrants.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

An ordinance to adopt the building code revision was not available at this time.

PAUL MOORE ESTATE:

Property involved with the Paul Moore estate was set for auction on June 2. A deed to the old drug store had been recorded by the city and needed to be issued back to the executor. Don Ford moved to relinquish the deed to 101 S. Kansas, which had been received in error. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion carried with four yes votes.

PARK BOARD RESIGNATION:

Jeff Stringer moved to accept the resignation of Debbie McGrane from the Park Board. Amy Hirst seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

PRECISION PATTERNS, INC:

A check for \$2,500 to Precision Patterns, Inc. had been returned, due to the dissolution of the company. The parent company was in operation in Wichita and would maintain a core group of employees for the Yoder plant, which they hoped to eventually reopen. Members expressed appreciation for the return of the funds.

KANSAS POWER POOL:

Approximately \$11,000 initially paid to KPP, as capital investment for purchasing KWH in volume would be refunded to the city.

PROCEDURES/POLICIES:

John Mitchell was concerned that students pursuing scholarship eligibility were assigned to a menial task of filling potholes. He was also concerned that a forklift had been parked in the street in front of the fire station. Allen explained that work had been completed inside the Haven Auto building.

After a discussion regarding the use of city trucks, members agreed to check with other cities as sources for developing a vehicle use policy.

John also requested that a copy of active building permits be kept at the office in addition to the permanent file containing completed projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 9:03 PM, Jeff Stringer moved for a 15-minute executive session to discuss personnel. Amy Hirst seconded, and motion carried. At 9:18 PM regular session resumed with the following action taken.

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL:

John Mitchell moved to allow the City Administrator to directly hire a part-time maintenance worker during the months of June, July, and August. Don Ford seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Stringer and a second by Mitchell.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$180,076.04 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Hirst.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

The mayor advised that adjustment was needed on the AGCO tractor to correct wear on a tire. He also requested that improvements to the chlorine shed at the swim pool be completed.

Don Ford was concerned about water levels in residential basements, since recent rains. Dean Chesnut suggested that the sewer lagoon project could be causing the high water

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levels. Members also discussed drainage issues and the project to clear or trim trees between 8th Street and Haven Road for improved water flow.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:29 PM, Jeff Stringer moved for adjournment. Amy Hirst seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

Cody R. Littlestar, Mayor

Cheryl Savaiano, City Clerk