

MINUTE RECORD
Regular and Special Council Meetings City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: June 1, 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: Charles Arndt

Council Member:

Council Member: Paula Scott

ABSENT: Don Ford

Others: Randy Voth, Betty Waggoner, Tammy Mills, Bob Dale, Clarence Halfmann, Sonia Yutzy, Vernelle Voth, Chuck Dickey, Bill Thomas, Dean and Ann Chesnut, Dan Owens, Dolly Dickey, Mary Jane Biltz, Jean Knappenberger, Merritt Wright, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

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

Bid opening for community building repairs was added to the agenda.

TOUR OF SEWER LAGOON PROJECT:

Members left council chambers to view the sewer lagoon project east of the city. Randy Voth with Certified Engineering Design summarized progress on the additional pond north of the current facility designed to alleviate chemical overloading. The placement of concrete skirting around each side of the pond was in process, and the floor of the lagoon would contain a Bentonite seal. A six-foot chain-link fence would surround all four cells, with discharge deposited in Gar Creek. Three small wells to monitor water quality would be quoted and constructed at a future date.

2010 LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET:

Members returned to council chambers at approximately 7:40 PM to review a budget proposal from the Haven Library Board totaling \$49,132. With limited discussion, Jeff Stringer moved to include the recommendation as a part of the overall budget. John Mitchell seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Allen Andresen requested council input regarding street maintenance. Paula Scott moved to contract street sweeping services as presented. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

Sand filters at the swim pool would be changed, as the water was cloudy. The solar cover was on site and ready to be fitted.

C. B. Showalter had agreed to allow maintenance personnel to spray for weeds along the fence row on the city's south side, after the harvest season. Members agreed to check the option of obtaining a license for application of regulated chemicals. Additional solution had been ordered to spray for mosquitoes, due to standing water in old tires and outside containers.

Members of the Tree Board would be contacted regarding low hanging limbs over street signs.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Paula Scott moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Vierthaler from the Park Board with regrets and thanks for service. Jeff Stringer seconded the motion, which carried with four yes votes. Council agreed to ask Mary Andresen to be present at the June 15th meeting to discuss the Park Board's overall program.

Paula Scott moved to approve a fireworks sales permit for Showalter Fireworks, Inc. as presented. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Stringer moved to raise lifeguard wages to \$6.55 per hour plus \$.05 per hour per year of service. Paula Scott seconded, and motion carried four to zero.

2010 RECREATION BOARD BUDGET:

Merritt Wright reviewed a \$26,550 budget proposal along with the various activities offered by his board. At the end of discussion, members asked Merritt to present a budget that would include a more versatile public address system.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTINUED:

Members agreed to form a committee to present five applicants for city clerk that would be interviewed by the Council. Along with Mayor Littlestar, Allen Blake, Amy Hirst, Sonia Yutzy, and Cheryl Savaiano would meet on June 4th to narrow a field of 25 applications. The new clerk would be a Haven resident or willing to move to the city.

UPDATED BUILDING CODES:

Members discussed at length an ordinance designed to update the city's 1985 building codes. The cost for three required sets plus one copy for the building inspector was \$1860 to include technical support and free training. At the end of discussion, Jeff Stringer moved to approve Ordinance #581 adopting the 2009 International Building Code. Paula Scott seconded. After discussion regarding the availability of 2009 testing for licensed contractors, the motion carried with yes votes from Hirst, Stringer, Scott, and one no vote from Mitchell.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE:

Council and residents took part in a long and heated discussion regarding an ordinance to amend the city's current zoning code with reference to setback requirements. At the end of the exchange, Paula Scott moved to ask the Planning Commission to meet and provide a recommendation on the ordinance for the council to address at its June 15th meeting. Amy Hirst seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:10 PM Jeff Stringer moved for a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real estate. Paula Scott seconded, and motion carried with four yes votes. At 10:25 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken.

BIDS FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING REPAIRS:

Two bids were opened with pricing for community building repairs; however, Council agreed to have the project re-bid with more precise specifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Thomas felt there was disparity in enforcing ordinance regarding parked vehicles on city streets.

Dean Chesnut re-addressed issues regarding the ordinance to amend zoning code, with a concern that property values would decrease because of the building at 501 E. Main.

Betty Waggoner with the Climate & Energy Project requested a reduction in the number of streetlights on Industrial Drive, the training of personnel to conduct home audits, and more CFL bulbs for city residents.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Hirst.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$71,541.68 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Mitchell and a second by Stringer.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

A dedication of the Harland Priddle Industrial Drive signage would be held on June 27th at 11:00 AM near the intersection of West Main and Industrial Drive.

Four thank you notes from the After Prom Committee, Schmidt & Sons, Kyle Stringer, and Trent Rhodes were read.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:05 PM, Jeff Stringer moved for adjournment. Paula Scott seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Cody R. Littlestar, Mayor

Cheryl Savaiano, City Clerk

