



MINUTE RECORD
Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: November 19, 2010

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY DON FORD, COUNCIL PRESIDENT WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member: Don Ford

Council member: Paula Scott

Council Member: John Mitchell

Council Member: Amy Hirst

ABSENT: Jeff Stringer, Mayor Cody Littlestar at 7:04 PM.

Others: Leslie Warden, Allen Blake, Amy Houston, Darin Ashworth, William Burton, Tony Troyer.

No additions to the agenda were requested, but Ford did add Don Huston to speak during public comment time.

Public Comment

Don Huston expressed his concern regarding the City looking into hiring Kenny's Electrical or other contractor to handle electrical needs. He hoped that the City was looking to train or hire someone to be trained to change out high voltage fuses and transformers. Hiring an outside contractor to handle the City's electrical needs, he pointed out, would increase wait time for repairs to at least two hours. This would harm the City's revenue. After all, electricity is the City's primary revenue generator.

Scott thanked Huston for voicing his concerns. She said she thought a combination of having someone on-staff to care for certain electrical needs and a contractor hired to handle the larger needs should be considered as a possibility.

Darin Ashworth: Placement of Bittings Cages / Bull Pen (Sponsored by Hirst)

Ashworth advised he has gone ahead and purchased the two batting cages. He provided the Council with a large drawing to show the possible locations for the new equipment. Discussion regarding public utility access, mowing room, seating space, and accommodations for visitors' took place. The Council agreed with Ashworth's preferred location for the batting cages and bull pen.

Maintenance Project Updates

Maintenance supervisor, Allen Andresen, discussed with the Council some electrical changes / upgrades that will eventually take place to accommodate the expansion at Haven Steel. A drawing on the whiteboard detailed the plans. Because of the size of the upgrade, the City plans to take bids on the project.

The electrical upgrade project at Mid-Kansas Cooperative has been halted. The City requires new easement paperwork before further work can be done.



The tractor still does not dump correctly. With the snow season approaching, the Mayor and Council agreed the tractor should be looked at by Schmidt's.

The maintenance crew continues to trim trees, repair water leaks, and to sweep the streets to try to keep up with the falling leaves.

The new trencher hoe is working well and has been used in at least one water leak repair.

Humidity has been causing an issue with the water tower. The City Administrator is looking for a new sonar unit for it.

City Administrator Project Updates

City Administrator, Allen Blake, addressed the following with the Council:

- Pictures of Hindman Trailer Park were presented to show the lack of progress made. Only one repair had been attempted, and it was to one of two rotten utility poles. The pole was braced with metal rods, which were then wedged against the gas meter. From the photographs presented, all of Council agreed the attempted repair and remaining un-repaired items were unacceptable. Hirst expressed great concern for the Park residents. Blake will talk to Brian Morgan, park owner, again before taking any further action.
- Aerial photographs are necessary for the plans being made in regard to the water project. Markers will need to be placed on several properties just outside of town. Blake has obtained permission from all the property owners.

Executive Session

At 7:53PM, Scott moved that the Council recess into executive session, with Warden and Blake present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss the status of an employee's probation, the open meeting to resume at 8:10PM. Ford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:10 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session. Then Ford moved that the City not retain maintenance employee Jonathan Hargrave as his probationary period was not completed successfully. Mitchell seconded, and all voted in favor of the same.

Scott then moved that the Council recess into executive session, with Warden and Blake present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss employee performance, the open meeting to resume at 8:25 PM. Hirst seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:25 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Proposed Ordinance to Amend Zoning Code

Blake pointed out the changes the zoning code amendments would create regarding accessory buildings and home occupations. Brief discussion took place regarding the verbage of the amendments, and then Scott moved to approve Ordinance 594 to amend Ordinance 440 and the Zoning Code of the City of Haven. Hirst seconded, and the motion passed with four "yes" votes.

Executive Session



At 8:40 PM, Scott moved that the Council recess into executive session, with Blake present, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to review evaluations of non-elected employees, the open meeting to resume at 9:20 PM. Ford seconded, and all voted in favor of the same.

At 9:20 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Minutes

Minutes from the November 5, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved with a motion from Scott and a second from Hirst.

Accounts Payable

Scott moved for the approval of the payables, totaling \$110,687.97. Ford seconded, and the motion passed four to zero.

Council Concerns

Hirst suggested lights for the basketball court at Engweiler Park or at least the consideration of the same.

The Council suggested the Christmas bonus for employee, Jay Mattison, be pro-rated.

Mitchell requested the Council discuss the topic of open records due to an editorial in the newspaper. Warden noted that the editorial was not entirely correct, particularly in regard to statements she had made, and she did send an e-mail to the newspaper advising the same. Scott attempted to narrow the topic to council packets alone. Mitchell noted as far as he could tell the only documents not considered "open" were those regarding "non-elected personnel" and "real estate." Warden suggested Mitchell was confusing the Kansas Open Meetings Act, with the Kansas Open Records Act, the applicable law on the topic, which contains over forty exceptions for documents that do not have to be shared with the public. Subsequently, though the discussion continued, no resolution occurred.

Ford recently attended an informational session in Hutchinson regarding the International Property Maintenance Code. Because it has recently been addressed by the Council, Ford suggested Blake attend the next session scheduled for Tuesday.

Adjournment

At 9:48 PM, Ford moved and Mitchell seconded for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

S/S
Cody R. Littlestar, Mayor

Attest:

S/S
Leslie Warden, City Clerk