



MINUTE RECORD
Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: July 18, 2011

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MIKE ALFERS, MAYOR, WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member: Adam Wright

Council Member: Don Ford

Council Member: John Mitchell

Council Member: Don Etchison

ABSENT: Paula Scott.

Others: Leslie Warden, Allen Blake, Robert Pell, Fred Solis, Jan Nolde, Josh Wright, Charlie Wagner, and Josh Smith.

Charlie Wagner, PRIDE: Request to Use Pool

Wagner requested use of the City pool to provide a Free Swim for the community on August 22, 2011, the day of the Picnic in the Park. Though no vote was taken, consent appeared to be unanimous.

Jan Nolde, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC: 2012 Budget

Nolde presented the City's budget proposal for 2012. She noted that the City's assessed valuation has increased, making 1 mill equal to \$5,731. The budget was discussed page-by-page followed by a lengthier discussion about cash reserves. No decisions were made regarding user fee or mill levy increases. Finalizing the budget will take place at the next meeting.

Chief of Police Updates

Chief Pell had nothing other than routine business to report.

Consider Increasing Permit Fees / Court Fines

Chief Pell pointed out that the City's court fine schedule has gone without updating for too long, and doubling the fines may help to bridge the gap while increasing the City's revenue. Wright moved to double all court fines and to increase the court cost from \$60 to \$80. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed four to zero.

Solicitors' and building permit fees will be visited at the first meeting in September.

City Administrator / Public Works Director Updates

City Administrator, Allen Blake, provided the following updates:

- The City Shop fence is going in.
- Plumbing on the ball diamond bathrooms has been roughed-in.
- Various pieces of equipment have required repairs.
- The overhead door at the Shop has been installed but the opener has not.
- A letter has gone to Joe and Debbie Richardson, owners of the disrepaired property at Hindman Trailer Park, allowing them 60 days to bring their property into compliance.



- The home at 204 S. Topeka already looks better, but the yard could still use some attention.
- The recent electrical outages have been due to overload. Electrical Superintendent, Josh Wright, spoke to the Council about temporary and permanent solutions to the issues. Spreading the load seemed to be the best fix but would require the City to obtain easement access on a property owned by Frank Otter. Blake has attempted to contact him. The Council advised them to go ahead with the project once easement access has been secured.

Minutes

Minutes from the July 5, 2011, regular meeting and July 11, 2011, special meeting were unanimously approved with a motion from Mitchell and a second by Etchison.

Accounts Payable

Mitchell moved to approve the payables, excluding those to Mitchell Hardware, totaling \$144,578.51. Etchison seconded, and all voted in favor of the same. Etchison then moved to pay \$654.96 to Mitchell Hardware. Ford seconded, and the motion passed three to zero.

Council Concerns

Regarding economic development, the Council will hold another special meeting on August 22, 2011, at the Community Building at 6:30 PM for the same object and purpose as the previous meeting.

Etchison suggested the City purchase signs to more clearly designate the City limits. This spawned discussion but no action. Blake noted that C.B. Showalter mentioned allowing the City to use the now-empty Ampride sign by K-96.

Alfers mentioned overgrown property located near Johnny Holmes and owned by K&O Railroad. In his contact with the Railroad, he determined that the Railroad will take care of it but seems to have no real use for the property.

Mitchell mentioned that he would like to see the City extend water, sewer, and curbing to 9th Street as previously done for 8th Street. Alfers commented it was a good idea and to bring it to the table on August 22.

Adjournment

At 9:25 PM, Mitchell moved and Wright seconded for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

/S/
Mike H. Alfers, Mayor

Attest:

/S/
Leslie Warden, City Clerk