



**MINUTE RECORD**  
**Regular Council Meeting City of Haven**

**Meeting: REGULAR**

**Date: March 18, 2019**

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MAYOR, ADAM WRIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:**

**Council Members: Tricia Paramore, Matt Johnson, Sandra Williams, Philip Kauffman, Ron Dale.**

**Absent: None.**

**Others: Leslie Atherton, Derek Stoll, Larry Bolton, Charlie Wagner, Steve Ellingboe, Lindsey Young, Meryl Yoder.**

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and followed with a moment of silence to honor those in the military, first responders, and other public service to our country and community.

No changes were made to the agenda.

Charlie Wagner, resident at 20906 S. Victory Road, appeared on behalf of citizens against the wind farm. He explained that the group is concerned that Reno County has entered into maybe the biggest arrangement of public land use that they've ever had, and they have completely excluded the town of Haven. He expressed his frustration that "we" can't be granted the use of even one wind turbine to generate electricity and predicted that the wind project will devalue his own property by \$140,000 because of the 13 - 14 turbines that will be located within two miles of his property. He mentioned the harmful effects of wind energy, particularly to the young, including headaches and sleep deprivation. If any of our commissioners were to have turbines in front of their homes, Wagner commented, they would view it adversely as well. Wagner encouraged the Council members to be alert and to be cognizant of what is going on around them, remarking that this is just Phase I of NextEra's project and he thinks there will be a Phase II and III. Ultimately, he urged members to attend the County's public hearing on NextEra's conditional use permit application and suggested the City implement a two-mile setback in regard to the erection of wind turbines.

**Minutes**

Paramore moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019, meeting. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.

**Accounts Payable**

Kauffman moved to approve accounts payable for February 19 through March 4, 2019, totaling \$36,742.45. Dale seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Next, Johnson moved to approve accounts payable for March 5 through March 18, 2019, totaling \$224,744.73. Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Members were provided with financial reports for the month of February 2019, including a summary of receipts and disbursements, comparison of budgeted to actual expenditures, and reconciliation of Jayhawk Utility receipts to money deposited into utility accounts.

**Steve Ellingboe, Nisly Brothers, Inc.: Update from Refuse & Recycling Service**

On behalf of Nisly Brothers, Inc., Ellingboe thanked the governing body for the City's business and urged members to contact him if they had any concerns, comments, or ideas for how they could provide improved service.

**Executive Session**

Approved 04.01.2019



At 7:16 PM, Paramore moved and Johnson seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception in order to hear updates on the EMS restructure matter with City Attorney, Larry Bolton, and City Clerk, Leslie Atherton, present, the open meeting to resume at 7:45 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:45 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

**Consider Change Order for Roof on Mechanical Building (\$2,695.00)**

Members were provided with a request for change order from Compton Construction to install a metal roof system on the mechanical building in lieu of a shingled roof. After lengthy discussion about water heaters and privacy fence, Paramore moved and Kauffman seconded to approve the change order presented not to exceed \$2,695. Motion passed unanimously.

Atherton will get an estimate from Paddock on changing the fencing around the mechanical building to privacy fencing and see how the change from gas to electric water heater affects numbers as well.

**Leslie Atherton, City Clerk:**

*Adopt Ordinance for Longevity Wage Increase*

Members were presented with a proposed ordinance to implement a 1% longevity increase for City Clerk Leslie Atherton, pursuant to the Wage Increase Plan. Kauffman moved and Paramore seconded to adopt Ordinance 679. Motion passed unanimously.

*Consider Renewal of Membership with K96 Corridor Development Association (\$2,000.00)*

Dale moved and Paramore seconded to renew the City's membership with K96 Corridor Development Association and to pay the annual fee of \$2,000. Motion passed five to zero.

**Executive Session**

Kauffman moved and Johnson seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel privilege exception in order to review applications for Maintenance Technician with Public Works Director, Derek Stoll, and City Clerk, Leslie Atherton, present, the open meeting to resume at 8:06 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:06 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

**Consider Hiring for Maintenance Technician**

Stoll asked the Council to consider hiring Thomas Holmes to fill the vacant maintenance technician position at a rate of \$13.50 per hour contingent upon his successful completion of a drug test and customary 90 day probation period applicable so long as he would agree to relocate to the Haven City limits within six months. Kauffman moved to authorize the same. Paramore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Works Updates:**

Stoll provided the following updates:

- Work is still being done on Schmucker RV's water and wastewater service extension. Tomorrow Stoll will order a Main Street sign to replace the Arlington Road one at the nearby intersection.
- Tennis court lights are still in progress. The park is muddy so that has stalled work.
- Pool project is moving forward. The construction crew continues to make progress.
- There have been a few water leaks in the past month.
- Repairing the power outage from last Wednesday took considerably longer than Stoll originally estimated, but the job did get done safely.



- James Ging of Kansas Power Pool has been working on the Stadium Drive mapping related to a proposed electrical project. Stoll and Ging have had a meeting with Westar regarding moving the metering point. Westar is working up an estimate for that move. Additionally, Ging recommended doing a 7200 flyover along 5th Street that would help facilitate upgrading the 2400 to 7200 more easily.

#### **Police Updates:**

Chief Schaffer provided the following updates:

- Joshua Scott was hired as a part-timer but still has training to undergo.
- Snowman contest was a hit.
- Investigative kits were ordered to go into the three police vehicles.
- Haven Police Department will do fingerprinting for citizens for recertifications and such. For those requiring fingerprints for a job in town or at USD 312 or teachers with residency in Haven, the cost is \$5. For others, it is \$25.

#### **Council Concerns**

Williams gave kudos to Public Works and Police Department for hanging in there during the outage work during the high winds.

Members briefly discussed the status of the contract of the Economic Development Director, Jitana Graf. Atherton advised Graf has been given until noon this Friday to get her signed contract in.

After extensive discussion amongst Council members, it was decided that the budget directive for 2020 would be to encourage boards to maintain or decrease their overall budget, though they would be open to allowing the Park Board budget increased.

#### **Agenda Planning**

Items for April 1<sup>st</sup> were read aloud.

#### **Adjournment**

At 8:40 PM, Kauffman moved and Paramore seconded for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/

Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Leslie Atherton, City Clerk