

MINUTE RECORD Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR Date: APRIL 5, 2021

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN <u>REGULAR</u> SESSION HELD VIA ZOOM WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MAYOR ADAM WRIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Mark Robinson, Tricia Paramore, Sandra Williams, Kylie Rush.

Absent: Ron Dale

Others: Andrea Williams, Derek Stoll, Stephen Schaffer, Emily Branson, Andrew Foulston, Delon Martens, Steven

Phillips.

No changes were made to the agenda, and no one signed up to speak during public comment time.

Minutes

Williams moved and Robinson seconded to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Robinson moved and Rush seconded to approve accounts payable, totaling \$80,635.18. Motion carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Members were provided with Mayor Wright's proclamation declaring April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of Haven. Williams moved and Robinson seconded to support the same. Motion carried.

Delon Martens, Park Board Chairperson

- Park Board Chairperson, Delon Martens asked the Council to approve hiring Wyatt Carmichael back as seasonal park caretaker at \$10.36/hr. Paramore moved to do so, Robinson seconded, and the motion carried.
- Martens then requested approval from the Council for a revised expenditure for Playground Equipment
 Phase II in the amount of \$66,404 to include the rubber mulch nuggets around the equipment. Rush
 motioned to approve the expenditure and Williams seconded. Motion carried.
- The Park Board has been approached by the family of Cherol Schoon, former Utility Clerk for the City, who
 recently passed away, to place an honorary bench in her memory in Engweiler Park. There have also been
 other requests for memorial benches recently. After discussion, it was decided to give the families a firm
 price and once donation has been received from the family, the City will place the order and install
 benches once they arrive. Paramore moved to approve this process. Robinson seconded, and the motion
 carried.
- Martens' final item for Council approval was the final bill from Marvin Mills for the recent work at the
 bathrooms in Centennial Park Shelter. Originally the Council had approved \$2500 for this project, but
 there was a leak to be fixed along with some other extra expenditures bringing the total to \$2922.11, an
 additional \$422.11 over the original amount approved. Paramore moved for approval of payment of total
 project expenses in the amount of \$2922.11. Rush seconded, and the motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Lindsay Patry, effective May 15, 2021

Paramore moved to accept letter of resignation from Lindsay Patry as Recreation Director. Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.



Consider Recommendation to Implement Storm Surcharge

Members were provided with the recommendation of Department Heads and Mayor to pass along to customers the "Feb 2021 Storm Surcharge" that appears on the City's monthly bill from Kansas Power Pool. Department Heads suggested doing a calculation each billing cycle that would divide the "Feb 2021 Storm Surcharge" by the total kWh to be billed to the City's customers to determine the per kWh to be charged to the City's customers for that billing cycle. Using the most recent information, this amount would be \$0.0116 per kWh. Public Works Director Derek Stoll spoke to the good position Haven is in compared to surrounding communities, some of which have been forced to send outrageous gas bills on to customers or look into unincorporating their City. Mayor Wright suggested, instead of doing a monthly calculation, implementing a \$.03 per kWh charge to remain in place until the surcharge falls off the KPP bill. Paramore said she would want to see a definite end point to the surcharge. After a brief discussion of how the adjustment would affect typical residential bills, Williams moved to implement a \$0.02 per kWh power cost adjustment until the "Feb 2021 Storm Surcharge" drops off the KPP bill. Rush seconded, and the motion carried.

Chief of Police:

Updates:

- Schaffer is pleased with how well Officer Cooper is doing. He is scheduled for the May 28 Challenge Exam and will be riding along with Officer Hayden to get his perspective on things.
- Rush asked if Schaffer had an update on the options for where to take stray dogs. He did not.

Public Works:

Consider Hiring of Wyatt Carmichael for Seasonal Mowing Position

Stoll requested authorization to allow Wyatt Carmichael to return for a seasonal mowing positon at \$10.36/hr. Paramore moved and Robinson seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates

- Still working on water leaks, electrical issues.
- Street patches on Main St.
- Sprinklers on at the Parks.

Executive Session

Williams moved and Robinson seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to review employee performance evaluations with Public Works Director Derek Stoll, Assistant City Clerk, Andrea Williams, and City Attorney, Andrew Foulston, present, the open meeting to resume at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

At 7:49 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Rush then motioned to award a 1% merit raise to both Steve Carmichael and Matt Hayden, retroactive to April 1, 2021. Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Council Concerns

No concerns were expressed.

Agenda Planning

Items for the April 19, 2021, meeting were listed aloud: review scholarship applications, approve 2020 Financial Statement, and take / consider street bids.



Adjournment

At 7:52 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Paramore and second from Robinson.

/s/ Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Leslie Atherton, City Clerk