



MINUTE RECORD
Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: May 2, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION HELD AT 120 S. KANSAS AVENUE WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MAYOR ADAM WRIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Sandra Williams, Christopher Scott, Kylie Rush, Mark Robinson, Austin Borden.

Absent: None.

Others: Leslie Atherton, Derek Stoll, Stephen Schaffer, Andrew Foulston, Jennifer Hill, Delon Martens, Jitana Graf, Adam Weishaar, Travis Vogt, Stephanie Carlson, Ryan Warden, Tiffany Warden.

No one signed up to speak during public comment time.

Public Works Director Derek Stoll requested the addition of a five-minute executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss the job performance of a maintenance technician. Borden moved to approve the addition. Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Williams also moved to add a 10-minute executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to occur before the Mayoral appointments. Rush seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Williams moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, meeting. Borden seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable

Williams moved and Scott seconded to approve accounts payable, totaling \$30,759.04. Motion passed unanimously.

Adam Weishaar, Director of Reno County Emergency Management: Introductions

Reno County Emergency Management Director Adam Weishaar introduced himself and County Fire Administrator, Travis Vogt, to the governing body and provided a summary of the events that occurred during the April 14th gas explosion. He noted that IFO is still on-scene, and while all petroleum products are out of the facility, remediation will continue over the next several months. Members thanked Weishaar and Vogt for their attendance.

Stephanie Carlson, Tree Board Chairperson: 2023 Budget Proposal

Members were provided with a copy of the Tree Board's 2023 budget proposal, totaling \$14,000, equal to the amount budgeted for the Tree Board in 2022. Carlson noted the tree board truck "has some gremlins in it" so they've increased the funding available in the Truck Supplies and Maintenance category.

Delon Martens, Park Board Chairperson: 2023 Budget Proposal

Members were provided with a copy of the Park Board's 2023 budget proposal, totaling \$76,290, a decrease of \$645 compared to the amount budgeted for the Park Board in 2022. Martens outlined the projects the Park Board hopes to conquer in 2023.

Jitana Graf, Economic Development Coordinator: EDC's 2023 Budget Proposal

Members were provided with a copy of the Economic Development Committee's 2023 budget proposal, totaling \$70,246, equal to the amount budgeted for the EDC in 2022. Graf explained the focus would be on Wildcat Landing. Mayor Wright praised Graf for her efforts at the recent K96 Corridor Development Association meeting, hosted by Haven, including a tour of National Modular Manufacturing.

Approved 05.16.22



Executive Session

At 7:26 PM, Williams moved that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss appointed personnel with City Attorneys Foulston and Hill present, the open meeting to resume at 7:36 PM. Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:40 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Annual Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Wright requested the Council's approval of the following appointments:

City Attorney – Jennifer Hill / Andrew Foulston of McDonald Tinker

Treasurer – Julie Caffrey

Municipal Court Judge – Stanley Juhnke

City Clerk – Leslie Atherton

Chief of Police – Stephen Schaffer.

Williams moved and Borden seconded to approve the appointments as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works:

Updates

Stoll delivered the following updates:

- Street repaving scheduled for this year will have to be revised due to increased prices. Stoll is in the process of getting new quotes.
- Stoll has pursued the purchase of poles from Ark Valley; Jim Sherri of Ark Valley suggested Stoll retrieve poles from them whenever the City is in need. Ark Valley will bill the City as poles go out.
- The AMI project will continue to move forward as ordered products start to arrive.
- Borden asked when the light pole by K96 would be taken care of. The quote for the work has been approved, but Stoll said he thought the contractor was still waiting on parts. Stoll will inquire further.
- Scott inquired about the area at 5th and Stadium. Stoll said he still needs to get signs posted, and then Public Works will work to repair the drainage over there.

Chief of Police:

Updates

Schaffer provided the following updates:

- Training Steven Phillips is going well. He will undergo additional training with Reno County Sheriff's Office.
- Block Party is set to occur on June 4, 2022.
- Schaffer is still waiting on software for the MDTs.
- Rush asked what date, routinely, Chief Schaffer would be updating the blotter. He said he would just do it when he got to it.
- Rush asked if the Police Department had a policy that any officer driving a police vehicle must be in a police uniform. Schaffer advised the department does not because it is not a twenty-four-hour operation.

Executive Session

At 7:56 PM, Williams moved, and Borden seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception in order to discuss the pool matter with City Attorneys, Jennifer Hill and Andrew Foulston, City Clerk Leslie Atherton, and Public Works Director Derek Stoll, present, the open meeting to resume in Council Chambers at 8:20 PM. Motion passed with five "yes" votes.

At 8:20 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Executive Session



Next, Williams moved, and Borden seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss the job performance of a maintenance technician with City Attorneys Hill and Foulston, City Clerk Leslie Atherton, and Public Works Director Derek Stoll present, the open meeting to resume at 8:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Council Concerns

Williams voiced concerns to Chief Schaffer regarding the “In God We Trust” decals on Haven’s police vehicles and the quoting of scripture on the Haven Police Department Facebook page. She advised the Council does not feel it is the forum to be talking about God. A brief exchange occurred between Schaffer and Williams. Eventually, Chief Schaffer asked if that was a directive from the Council. Mayor Wright nodded and said, “Yes” and was disapproved. Williams moved to eliminate the quoting of scripture from Haven Police Department’s Facebook page and to remove “In God We Trust” from the police vehicles. Rush seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning

Items listed for the May 16th Council meeting were read aloud.

Adjournment

At 8:37 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Williams and second from Scott.

/s/
Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:
/s/
Leslie Atherton, City Clerk