



MINUTE RECORD
Regular Council Meeting City of Haven

Meeting: REGULAR

Date: JUNE 1, 2020

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION HELD AT 215 S. RENO AVENUE WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY MAYOR ADAM WRIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Sandra Williams, Mark Robinson, Tricia Paramore, Ron Dale, Matt Johnson.

Absent: None.

Others: Derek Stoll, Leslie Atherton, Jennifer Hill, Stephen Schaffer, Andrew Foulston, Christopher Abraham, Michael Mulligan, Joshua Mulligan, Lindsay Patry, James Ging, Dylan Cox (by phone).

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

After motion from Johnson and second from Dale, an executive session to discuss the pool repair project was added and the resolution adopting the findings of the Housing Analysis was tabled. Motion passed unanimously. No one signed up to speak during public comment time.

Minutes

Paramore moved and Robinson seconded to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020, meeting with one correction. Motion carried; Johnson abstained as he was absent from the May 18, 2020 meeting.

Accounts Payable

Johnson moved and Williams seconded to approve accounts payable, totaling \$52,753.52. Motion passed unanimously.

Members were provided with financial reports for the month of May 2020, 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.

Ambulance Board: Consider Ambulance Board's 2021 Budget Proposal

Members were provided with a copy of the Ambulance Board's 2021 Budget Proposal, totaling \$355,190, reflecting an increase of \$17,400 from their 2020 budget request and an increase of \$22,400 over their granted 2020 budget. However, neither EMS Director Tony Troyer nor EMS Board Chairperson responded to the City Clerk's email about who would be presenting the 2021 Budget Proposal. Paramore, Dale, and Mayor Wright were copied on the email inquiry; they did not receive a response either. Atherton asked if perhaps they intended to make more refinements to their budget proposal. Paramore said she thought she and Dale were very clear at the EMS Board meeting that someone would need to present the 2021 budget proposal. No action was taken.

Dylan Cox, Evergy (by phone): Discuss Building of New Substation and Effect on WDSC

Cox outlined Evergy's plans for building a new substation, named West Harvey, which is located at 23100 US Hwy 50 in Burrton. He outlined the benefits our customers would see from its erection. He also noted that there will be an effect on the Wholesale Distribution Service Charge, which will hit in September of 2021. Currently, the City pays around \$4,000 monthly for the WDSC. Cox predicted the WDSC will increase to \$11,839.88 per month. That reflects an increase of around \$100,000 per year. The new substation is expected to be completed by end of 2020. It will replace the Burrton substation, which was built in the 1950s-60s, and has run its course.



Executive Session

At 7:12 PM, Paramore moved and Dale seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pool project, with City Attorney Jennifer Hill, her associates, Andrew Foulston and Christopher Abraham, City Clerk Leslie Atherton, and Public Works Director Derek Stoll, present, the open meeting to resume at 7:30 PM.

At 7:30 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

Derek Stoll, Public Works Director, and James Ging, Kansas Power Pool: Discuss Electrical Upgrade Plans

Members were provided with a six-page handout detailing the plans for electrical distribution upgrades. Stoll and Ging went through the plans page by page and fielded questions from the Council. The plan overall is estimated at \$4.8 - \$5.3 million. Atherton provided information on what a payment for the City might look like if the Council chose to pursue it through bond issue. She advised the yearly payment on a 30-year bond issue would be around \$250,000 and pointed out that's obviously not something the Electric Fund could handle without a rate increase.

Discussion ensued about what part of the project the City could pursue without increasing rates or taking on a bond issue. Members agreed that the City should attempt to budget to pursue Step 1 of the plan, establishment of a new metering point somewhere near 5th and Haven Buhler Road. This is estimated to cost \$21,000 up-front and will also result in an increase in the Wholesale Distribution Service Charge assessed by Evergy.

Members briefly discussed the location of the new metering point and expressed a desire to avoid having it interfere with the beautification that has occurred at the berm area. Atherton and Paramore suggested putting it along Haven Buhler Road north of 5th Avenue nearby the Kansas Gas Equipment so as to keep all the mechanical stuff together and away from the City park.

Adopt Resolution Implementing Longevity Increases

After brief discussion about whether or not to implement longevity increases for EMS staff and no one from the Ambulance Department present to offer an opinion, Johnson moved to not accept the proposed resolution. Williams seconded, but the motion failed as Dale, Paramore, and Robinson voted in opposition. Paramore said she felt that the ambulance employees are City employees and will continue to be until EMS gets everything set up and therefore, should be treated the same as other City employees. She moved to adopt Resolution 368, implementing longevity increases for Matt Fritz, Brent Henderson, Jessica Stussy, and Tony Troyer. Dale seconded, and the motion passed with three "yes" votes. Johnson and Williams voted in opposition.

Consider Proposed Resolution Adopting Findings of Housing Needs Assessment

This item was tabled as the City is still waiting on a legal description from Garber Surveying.

Recreation Board: Consider Hiring of Garrett Reihs for Field Maintenance

Patry presented to the Council the Recreation Board's recommendation to hire Garrett Reihs to perform field maintenance for the summer ball season. She noted that he began work yesterday, after she received Mayor Wright's approval, so that the fields could be prepped for the first practices. Paramore moved and Johnson seconded to approve hiring Reihs for the position at \$7.25 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, Derek Stoll:

Updates

Stoll delivered the following updates:

- Mosquito spraying will start soon, though calibration won't occur until July. Stoll will present expenditure for mosquito chemicals at next meeting.
- Weed spraying has begun.
- Water leak repairs continue.



- An electrical repair on the 7200 line was scheduled for and occurred overnight to avoid outages for commercial customers during business hours. It took about two hours.
- Mowing continues.
- Every was at the Haven substation today. They were performing wildlife protection around the fence.
- A power issue north of the Kwik Shop was taken care of with tree trimming.
- Stoll discussed tree trimming work orders with the associated property owners.
- Stoll asked if anyone knew when the rocks around the tennis courts would be completed. He noted that the project is 60% done. No one had an answer. Furthermore, Dale asked if there was a plan to keep the rocks around the pool from getting inside the fence. Atherton will email the Park Board with the Council's concerns to see what they can come up with.

Chief of Police:

Updates

Chief Schaffer addressed the City Council and provided the following updates:

- Schaffer noted that Haven Police Department strives to treat each citizen with respect and assured the Council that officers would be held accountable if mistreatment were to occur. He affirmed his commitment to the Haven community and emphasized that Haven Police Department does not condone the actions of the officer in Minnesota and sends prayers to the family of George Floyd.
- Schaffer is still awaiting the new police vehicle.

Council Concerns

None.

Agenda Planning

Atherton made the Council aware of the items listed for June 15th Council meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:33 PM, the meeting was adjourned after motion from Dale and second from Johnson.

/s/

Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Leslie Atherton, City Clerk