



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

**Meeting: REGULAR**

**Date: OCTOBER 5, 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, Ron Dale, Tricia Paramore.**

**Absent: Matt Johnson.**

**Others: Derek Stoll, Leslie Atherton, Jennifer Hill, Lindsey Young, Jitana Graf, Ken Brown, Tom O'Brien, Brooke Carroll, James Ging, Sherri Schneider, Stephen Schaffer (at 7:04 PM).**

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

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

**Minutes**

Williams moved and Dale seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020, meeting. Motion passed.

**Accounts Payable**

Dale moved and Robinson seconded to approve accounts payable for September 9 – 21, 2020, totaling \$156,010.69. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, Williams moved and Robinson seconded to approve accounts payable for September 22 through October 5, 2020, totaling \$118,903.16. Motion carried.

Members were provided with financial reports for the month of August 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.

**Sherri Schneider, Haven Chamber: Discuss Chamber Hosting Craft Fair / Costume Contest on Halloween**

On behalf of Haven Chamber, Schneider requested the Council's blessing to host a craft fair / contest downtown on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, 2020. She assured the Council that social distancing would be observed and hand sanitizer would be readily available. Williams moved to approve allowance of the craft fair. Dale seconded. Motion passed with three "yes" votes and one "nay" vote from Paramore.

Atherton noted the City's insurance company recommends that for the event the Chamber provide the City with a certificate of liability insurance for the Haven Chamber of Commerce, naming the City of Haven as additional insured, showing comprehensive general liability coverage at minimum limit of \$2,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence. Schneider will forward the certificate to her.

**Brooke Carroll and James Ging, Kansas Power Pool: Discuss Electrical Rates**

Brooke Carroll, CPA, Director of Administrative Services, and James Ging, Director of Engineering Services, provided the governing body members with a twelve-page handout, listing two options for consideration for rate restructuring. They were as follows:

Option A

Approved 10.19.2020



<b>Residential</b>		<b>Commercial Demand</b>	
Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 10.00	Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 25.00
\$/kWh - All kWh's /Wh - All kWh's	\$ 0.1800	\$/kWh - All kWh's	0.1600
		\$/KW - All KW's	\$ 7.55
<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Industrial Demand</b>	
Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 10.00	Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 25.00
\$/kWh - All kWh's	\$ 0.1700	\$/kWh - All kWh's	0.1000
		\$/KW - All KW's	\$ 5.00

#### Option B

<b>Residential</b>		<b>Commercial Demand</b>	
Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 25.00	Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 20.00
\$/kWh - All kWh's /Wh - All kWh's	\$ 0.1800	\$/kWh - All kWh's	0.1500
		\$/KW - All KW's	\$ 7.55
<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Industrial Demand</b>	
Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 25.00	Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 25.00
\$/kWh - All kWh's	\$ 0.1700	\$/kWh - All kWh's	0.0350
		\$/KW - All KW's	\$ 10.00

Under Option A, regarding residential customers, 213 could expect an average increase of less than \$20 per month, and 224 customers could expect an average increase of greater than \$20 per month. Under Option B, 274 customers would experience an average increase of less than \$40 per month, and 163 customers would experience an average increase of greater than \$40 per month. Option A would offer approximately 25% reduction to existing industrial customers with an all-in rate of \$0.13 / kWh based on a 21% load factor while Option B would offer a 43% reduction and provide an all-in rate of \$.10 / kWh based on a 21% load factor.

Mayor Wright allowed Ken Brown, President of Haven Steel Products, to address the Council about his desire for more competitive electrical rates and the positive effect it could have on industrial growth in the community. Then lengthy discussion ensued among the Council. In regard to Option B, Dale voiced concern over increasing residential rates to such a high level, particularly with the EDC pursuing a housing development in an attempt to attract more residents. Paramore echoed the concern. Williams initially voiced support for Option A but said she didn't know if a 25% reduction would be enough to keep Haven Steel in Haven. After hearing again from Brown, the Council began discussing what changes could be made to Option B to make it more acceptable. Atherton suggested decreasing the base rate for residential customers from \$25 to \$10 or \$12. After hearing how that would affect revenue, Williams moved to accept Option B but changing the residential customer charge to \$12, rates to be implemented January 1, 2021. Dale expressed a desire to have more time to review the numbers. Mayor Wright pressed for a decision, but then Paramore echoed a desire for additional time. Brown said he could certainly wait another two weeks for the Council to give the matter further consideration, but respectfully requested resolution occur at the next Council meeting. Williams's motion died for lack of a second.

Ging and Carroll will plug in the other suggested numbers for the residential customer charge on Option B and provide the additional analysis to Atherton for sharing with the Council. The matter will be discussed and resolved on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Chief Schaffer:**

##### *Discuss Dog Ordinance*

Members were provided with a five-page handout containing information about breed-specific legislation as well as Schaffer's recommendation to repeal the City's Pit Bull ban. A proposed ordinance to implement that



recommendation was provided as well. Paramore moved and Dale seconded to adopt Ordinance 689, repealing the prohibition of the keeping of Pit Bull dogs. Motion passed.

#### **Executive Session**

Paramore moved and Dale seconded that the Council recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception in order to discuss the pool matter with City Attorney Jennifer Hill, City Clerk Leslie Atherton, and Public Works Director Derek Stoll, present, the open meeting to resume at 8:52 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:52 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken during executive session.

#### **Derek Stoll, Public Works Director**

##### *Updates*

- Water tower inspection is complete and went well.
- Public Works continues to work on water leaks and anticipates more will be revealed.
- A few electrical issues due to the wind were handled over the weekend.
- Mowing has slowed down.
- Public Works installed security cameras at the pool.

#### **Council Concerns**

None.

#### **Agenda Planning**

Rates will be discussed at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned after motion from Dale and second from Robinson.

/s/  
Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:

/s/  
Leslie Atherton, City Clerk