



City of Haven
Haven City Council Meeting
MINUTES
March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Haven City Hall, Council Chambers



REGULAR MEETING

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: Sherri Schneider, Corey Brock, Shelli Rettig, and Nicole Sander by telephone

Absent: Ciara Powers

Others: City Clerk Josephine Harper, City Attorney Jennifer Hill, Public Works Director Steve Carmichael, Chief of Police Matt Hayden, Code Enforcement Charles Arndt, Economic Development Coordinator Jill Syder, Clark Wedel, Stephanie Carlson, Jessica Schmidt, and Brendan Umer.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Brock moved to approve Minutes from the meeting on February 2, Workshop on February 16, and Special Meetings February 17 and February 20, 2026. Rettig seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Schneider motioned and Brock seconded to approve accounts payable for February 3 to February 16, 2026. Motion carried. Brock motioned and Rettig seconded to approve accounts payable from February 17 to March 2, 2026. Motion carried.

Agenda

1. EDC – Jill Snyder and Clark Wedel
 - a. Wedel let the council know that the EDC would like to provide incentives to those who decide to build in Wildcat Landing. Schmidt wanted the council to know that this is similar to an incentive package that is being offered in Buhler. Schmidt did say that there has been interest but no one is moving on it. There have been about 60 – 100 inquiries per lot. Schneider asked if we are trying to get builders to come in or personal buyers. The EDC informed them it's a bit of both at this point. Schneider motion to approve the incentive package as presented. Brock seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Wedel wanted to revisit the idea of combining 2 lots. At this time, council was

not ready to move forward with combining lots but is not opposed to revisiting this in 6 months.

- c. Snyder gave a recap of what has been going on within her position since her last quarterly update.
2. Stephanie Carlson of the Tree Board presented two (2) quotes to consider for tree removal. Schneider motioned to accept the quote from Richardson's Tree Service in the amount of \$7,300. Brock second the motion. Motion carried.
3. Discussion resumed from February 2, 2026, meeting regarding audio visual quotes for Council Chamber. Council discussed the differences between the two companies. Motion by Brock to accept the quote from McClland Inc. in the amount of \$7,000. Motion seconded by Rettig. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK, JOSEPHINE HARPER

1. Harper requested to be able to open the Pool Manager, Asst. Manager, and Lifeguard Applications. Motion by Schneider to open the application process. Rettig seconded the motion. Motion carried. A quarter raise for returning lifeguards will be offered.
2. Harper asked the council to consider a \$200 donation to the 4H from Recreation Fund for Easter Egg Hunt. This is done annually and is budgeted. Rettig motioned to approve the donation. Motion seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.
3. Updates – Spring Conference for Clerk school March 11-13. As of right now there are 15 kids signed up for summer ball. T-ball and blastball still needs to be organized and opened on RecDesk if that is something we will do this year. Monday, March 9, Harper and Williams have another meeting with Edmund GovTech.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, STEVE CARMICHAEL

1. Carmichael discussed the Industrial Rate Increase that had been brought before the council on February 2, 2026. Motion by Schneider to approve Resolution 449 with a second by Rettig. Motion carried.
2. Carmichael presented an INA Alert quote for \$5,642.49, this quote is to install another camera at the City Shop and would be able to view the south end of the shop and the front of the community building. Brock wants to table until next meeting. Schneider and Rettig agreed.
3. General updates were given.

CHIEF OF POLICE, MATT HAYDEN

1. Schaffer's retirement party was successful.
2. Hayden said at the next meeting he will be bringing an applicant to be considered. Council gave permission for him to go ahead and get the pre-employment tasks out of the way.
3. General updates were given.

Executive Session

Schneider moved to recess into executive session for consultation with the City Attorney and City Clerk, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, to discuss matters related to the deletion of a City-owned Facebook page. The open meeting will resume in this room at 8:25 p.m. Rettig second. Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schneider move that the Council recess into executive session with the Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk present, to discuss non-elected personnel matters, specifically to review applicants for the Recreation Director. The executive session will be for 30 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in this room at 8:55. Rettig second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider to have a special meeting with Brady Peterson, Tanner Rogers, and Jonell Bell at 7:00 p.m. March 12, 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CONCERNS

Rettig has a concern about a citizen and wants to implement a coaching ban on this person. Mayor Wright said the council will address the issue if the need arises.

Sander would like to look into new city attorneys.

Brock shares the same concerns as Rettig.

Wright reminded Harper to send out the P&L every month with the remaining budget that each department has.

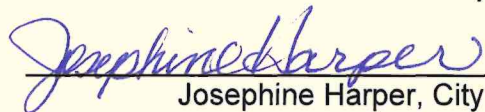
Adjournment

At 9:04 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Brock and second from Schneider.



Mayor, Adam Wright

Attest:



Josephine Harper, City Clerk

