



City of Haven
Haven City Council Special Meeting
MINUTES
April 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Haven City Hall, Council Chambers



SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday April 2, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD AT 120 S. KANSAS AVENUE WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM BY MAYOR ADAM WRIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Adam Wright, Christopher Scott, Nicole Sander, Ciara Powers, Chad Swartz, Sherri Schneider

Absent: NONE

Others: City Clerk Josephine Harper, Public Works Director Steve Carmichael, Police Chief Stephen Schaffer, City Attorney Scott Ufford via telephone, Dayne McIlvain, Mackenzie Wigington, Kyran Crist.

Mayor Wright opened the meeting by reading the Special Meeting request signed by Swartz, Schneider, and Scott.

Proposed Chicken Ordinance

Mayor Wright shared that the city attorney's gave some points and recommendations which was included in the packet handed out.

Mayor said that he would like to have privacy fence. Swartz asked if chicken wire fence would even fall within the current codes. McIlvain inquired if he would have to install a privacy fence. Scheider does not think that a chain link fence would be insufficient due to wild animals and dogs getting out. Swartz thinks as long as it's a sturdy fence would need to be necessary. All agree.

Wright discussed the permit and registration of the animals. Swartz thinks they do need registered. McIlvain suggests maybe a different color of paper posted on the coop. Discussion of the cost of registration was had and \$35 a year is an agreed amount.

Setback requirements – Wright, the lots in town vary so to keep neighbors happy coops would need to be in the center of the yard. Sanders thinks 25 feet from any dwelling and 10 feet from any side of fence. Wigington has a question - If there is a privacy fence can they have it up against the fence? Swartz reminded the council this is an ordinance being set for the whole town. The council has agreed to 10 feet all the way around. Swartz – a coop structure must meet all city building codes. McIlvain – would building your own chicken coop require an inspection from the city? Swartz informed any structure required a permit and inspection regardless of how it is erected.

Number of Chickens – Wright does not think it should be set by square feet. Swartz likes 6 and no one had any disagreement to that number.

Free range is not allowed and cleanliness must be kept.

McIlvain has a question regarding the square footage of the yard. Swartz and Sander reiterated that the city will not have a square footage requirement.

Schneider wants to make sure that the cleanliness and well kept by the owners.

Wright brought up allowing other fowls. Swartz and Schneider stated ducks and geese are loud.

Sander wants to add that keeping a rooster is a public nuisance. McIlvain said that Atwood is good at separating sexes.


Once the coop has been inspected then the chicken permit will be allowed.

Mayor Wright instructed Clerk Harper to send the meeting notes to the attorney's to have the ordinance drafted.

No binding action was taken.

Adjournment

At 6:35 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Powers and second from Swartz.


Adam Wright, Mayor

Attest:


Josephine Harper, City Clerk