



City of Haven
Haven City Council Meeting
MINUTES DRAFT
April 20, 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 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CIARA POWERS. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE PRESENT:

Council Members: Ciara Powers, Sherri Schneider, Nicole Sander, and Shelli Rettig, Corey Brock

Absent: Adam Wright

Others: City Clerk Josephine Harper, City Attorney Kendra Stacey, Public Works Director Steve Carmichael, Police Officer Steven Phillips, Jill Snyder, Laurel Scott, Amelia Scott, Brittney Hartman, Cadence Hartman, and Brendan Umer, Michael Robinson (7:04)

Public Comment

none

Minutes

Schneider moved with a second from Rettig to approve minutes from the meeting on April 6, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Rettig motioned and Sander seconded to approve accounts payable for April 7, to April 20, 2026. Motion carried.

Agenda

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tree Board's quote from BARC's Tree Service was presented and then motioned by Brock to accept with a second from Schneider. Motion carried.
2. Laurel Scott with Haven High School FFA members presented the benefits of allowing chickens at the high school. They told the council the chicken coop would be built by a woodshop class, where the coop will be kept. The FFA would like to have the \$35 chicken registration waived, be allowed to have more than 6 chickens, and the building permit fee waved. The council requested to have an ordinance ready for next meeting for the requests to be passed.
3. Jill Snyder with the EDC presented Ryan Warden and Aaron Garcia to be appointed to the

EDC. Ryan Warden will be finishing out Rick gates term expiring 12/31/2027 and Aaron Garcia will be finishing out James Copeland's term expiring 12/31/2028. Powers suggested to the council the appointments of both. Sander motions and Rettig seconds motion to approve Powers appointments.

Snyder requests the council approve the EDC's Recommendation for Ace High Diesel to Receive BE Grant funds in the amount of \$5,674.00. Motion by Schneider with a second from Brock to approve the BE Grant to Ace High Diesel. Motion carried.

4. Pool Manager Brittney Hartman appeared and listed off the 10 applicants that she would like to hire as lifeguards. Motion given by Schneider with a second by Brock to approve the recommended hires for lifeguard positions for the summer of 2026. Motion carried.
5. Council reviewed all scholarship applications for the City of Haven Scholarship. Motion by Sander followed by a second from Rettig to award Riley Heath and Gracie Steffen the City of Haven Scholarship.
6. Council reviewed all scholarship applications for the Dave Chamberlain Scholarship. Motion by Schneider followed by a second from Rettig to award Grant Patry and Avri Brawner the Dave Chamberlain Scholarship.
7. The council started discussing the Sergeant job description. Chief Hayden said that he had not read the description yet and that there were other job descriptions in his department that he needs modified. The council will be tabled this until May 18 at that time all job descriptions needing modification will be presented to the council for review. Sander did request that going forward the city does not appoint someone to a position without a job description first.
8. Resolution for Sergeant Pay was presented to the council. Sander motioned with a second from Schneider to approve Resolution 452, establishing the salary of a Sergeant at \$48,530.73 per year.
9. The council continued discussion for West Main St repair from the previous meeting. At this time the council would not like to move forward with the additional work.
10. City Attorney Kendra Stacey presented the Multiple Occupancy Private Space Restrictions to the council. She discussed and informed the council of the "Bathroom Bill" and indicated that signage is highly recommended. Motion by Sander with a second from Brock to pass the Multiple-Occupancy Private Space Management policy. Motion passed.

B. CITY CLERK, JOSEPHINE HARPER

1. Harper discussed with the council the funds that were given to the school district to erect a shade in memory of Merritt Wright on the East softball field that will be coming back to the city. Harper suggested the city could use the funds to name the ball diamond at Engweiler Park the Merritt Wright Field and get a sign to put on the scoreboard with the name of the field. Another idea was getting a bench. Schneider instructed Harper to reach out to the Wright family to see their thoughts of the idea.
2. Harper asked the council to consider moving council meetings to live streaming via YouTube or similar platform. Sander motioned for the council to start live streaming via YouTube. Schneider seconds. Motion carried.
3. Harper gave general and recreational updates.

C. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, STEVE CARMICHAEL

1. Carmichael gave general updates.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Hayden gave general updates.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schneider moves that the Council recess into executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications for the Field Prep and Umpire positions pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception. The executive session will begin at 8:38 p.m. and will last for 20 minutes, with the regular session resuming at 8:58 p.m. The following individuals are to be included, City Attorney, City Clerk, and Public Works Director. Second by Sander. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed with no binding action taken.

A motion by Schneider to hire all 7 umpire applicants was given. Sander seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion by Brock to hire Hadley Sander and Jake Tabor for the field prep positions was given. Schneider second the motion. Motion carried with 4 yes and Sander abstains.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CONCERNS

None at this time.

Adjournment

At 9:00 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Sander and second from Schneider.

Mayor, Adam Wright

Attest:

Josephine Harper, City Clerk