



City of Haven
Haven City Council Meeting
MINUTES - Draft
May 4, 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: Adam Wright, Ciara Powers, Sherri Schneider, Nicole Sander, Shelli Rettig, and Corey Brock

Absent:

Others: City Clerk Josephine Harper, City Attorney Andrew Kover, Public Works Director Steve Carmichael, Chief Matt Hayden, Charles Arndt, Joey McLiney, Jessica Schmidt, and Brendan Umer

Public Comment

Jessica Schmidt wanted to talk about the proposed rental registration. She feels vacant lot owners should be held to the same standards as the landlords. Also, the carbon monoxide, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers are a little excessive. Her other concern is the inspections that could be opened to interpretation.

Minutes

Powers moved with a second from Sander to approve minutes from the meeting on April 20, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Schneider motioned and Powers seconded to approve accounts payable for April 21, to May 4, 2026. Motion carried.

Agenda

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Joey McLiney – Proposed 1% Sales Tax to Ballet – presented the 1% sales tax that will be proposed to be on the ballet. He explained the reason for the reason of the sales tax. This tax will allow not just residents pay for the project. Andrew Kovar also

explained what the advantages of leaving the general language in the question will be. Specifics on a question would require the tax to sunset after 10 years. McLiney suggested having a public meeting 3 weeks and then 1 week before the election. There was a motion by Powers, seconded by Schneider. A roll call vote was done with 4 ayes from Powers, Rettig, Brock, and Schneider and 1 nay from Sander. Motion passes 4-1.

2. Council considered Resolution 454 that would allow Haven High School to have chickens. A motion from Sander, with a second from Schneider to approve Resolution 454, allowing Haven High School to have chickens on the grounds. Motion carried.
3. Council considered the mayor's appointment for City Prosecutor. Motion given by Sander to approve the appointment of Joy Williams as City Prosecutor. Powers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Mayor Wright listed off his appointments for the year as follows:
 - Treasurer – Julie Caffrey
 - Police Chief – Matt Hayden
 - City Attorney – Kendra Stacey with Spencer Fane
 - Municipal Court Judge – Michael Robinson
 - City Prosecutor – Joy Williams
 - City Clerk – Andrea Williams

Sander motioned the governing body to go into executive session at 7:49 PM for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the City Attorney present. The regular meeting to resume at 8:09 PM.

At 8:09 Brock motioned to extend the executive session for 20 minutes and for the regular meeting to resume at 8:30 PM

Regular meeting resumed at 8:30 PM with no binding action taken. Mayor Wright gave all previous appointments, but appointed Josephine Harper as City Clerk. Motion from Powers with a second from Schneider was given. Motion carried.

5. The Landlord application and the license was discussed with the council and Charles Arndt. There are some changes that Powers and Sander would like to see. Schneider and Rettig made it clear they were against it even with edits done. Changes will be done and council will revisit this topic at the June 6 meeting.

B. CITY CLERK, JOSEPHINE HARPER

1. Discuss Recreation Funds Received Back from USD 312 – The council asked Harper to get quotes for a sign to name the baseball field to Merritt Wright Field.
2. Discuss clarification of "occurrence" for food trucks – The council agreed that the snow cone truck setting up for all home games during the baseball/softball season could be classified as an event.
3. Harper gave general updates.

C. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, STEVE CARMICHAEL

1. Carmichael presented the quote for mosquito spray and dunks from Vesaris. Brock motion to approve the quote, and Powers seconds the motion. Motion carried.
2. Carmichael gave general updates.
3. Powers inquired about crosswalks being painted. Carmichael said that is usually done closer to the beginning of school starting.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Hayden gave general updates.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' CONCERNS

None at this time.

Adjournment

At 9:19 PM, adjournment was unanimously approved after motion from Powers and second from Sander.

Mayor, Adam Wright

Attest:

Josephine Harper, City Clerk