



City of Haven
Haven City Council Meeting
MINUTES
August 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Haven City Hall, Council Chambers



REGULAR MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SPECIAL 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: Adam Wright (7:01), Ciara Powers, Nicole Sander, Corey Brock, Sherri Schneider and Shelli Rettig

Absent:

Others: City Clerk Josephine Harper, Public Works Director Steve Carmichael, Chief Matt Hayden, Rush reporter, Adrienne Thetford, Brady Peterson, Helen Foster, Heidi Foster

- A. APPROVE MINUTES:** Approve Minutes from Meeting on July 27, 2026, special meeting. Sander motion to approve Rettig second. Motion carried.
- B. FINANCIALS:** Approve Accounts Payable for July 21 to August 3, 2026. Motion by Schneider with a second by Sander. Motion carried
- C. AGENDA ITEMS**
- 1. Rec Director Updates –**
 - Registration for fall sports will be closed this Friday, and basketball will be before Christmas and end before Christmas. Sign-ups are hurting because of time of registration.
 - Walk-A-Thon sign-ups are happening. Cleaned up the office.
 - Sign in front of recreation office is working.
 - There was a total of 138 sign-ups for summer.
 - Both art classes were full.
 - Would like to have discussion on increase of pay for umpires, refs, time keeps/score keepers.
 - Peterson would also like to have more discussion on the expectations of managing the pool starting in 2027.
 - 2. Discussion Regarding 1% Sales Tax –**
 - Mayor Wright spoke about how criticism has been received due to there being no sunset. He has asked dept heads to look into seeing what to do to have it on the November ballot. Powers would like to not discuss other options until we see the results of the election. The rest of the council agreed.
 - 3. Discussion Regarding the Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade –**
 - Carmichael would like to move forward with the engineering part regardless of the results of the election. Motion by Powers to get quotes obtained for engineering. Second by Sander. Motion carried.
 - 4. Discussion Regarding Workshop on August 12 –**
 - Due to scheduling conflicts, the workshop planned for August 12, 2026, needs to be moved or canceled. Powers wants to have a workshop. Brock feels that we don't need

it. Schneider feels having the meeting may be redundant. Rettig feels the same as Schneider. Sander would like to have it to clear up all policies that are in place and inconsistent. Motion to move the workshop to October 5 at 6:00 p.m. was given by Powers motion with a second by Rettig. Motion carried.

5. Accept Resignation of City Treasurer

- A motion by Powers with a second by Brock to accept the registration of Julie Caffrey as City Treasurer was given. Motion carried.

6. Review Job Description and Job Posting for City Treasurer –

- A motion to post the job opening for City Treasurer with a salary of \$2000 was given by Schneider with a second from Brock. Motion carried.

D. CITY CLERK, JOSEPHINE HARPER

- 1.** General updates were given.

E. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, STEVE CARMICHAEL

- 1.** General updates were given.

F. CHIEF OF POLICE, MATT HAYDEN

- 1.** General updates were given.

G. Executive Session

Schneider moves the governing body recess into executive session for 5 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception to discuss an employee evaluation, with the council, mayor, and city attorney present, the open meeting to resume at 7:56 p.m. in council chambers. Powers seconds. Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed with no binding action taken.

H. Council Concerns –

- Rettig would like to know about the electrical fund.
- Sander would like to have discussions on the budget and where to cut.
- Wright informed the council the Air BNB is being sold and the person who is interested in wanting to buy it wants to have a business and before continuing Attorney Stacey advised the conversation cannot happen before the zoning board has been informed and allowed to discuss.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 PM Brock motioned with a second from Powers to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor, Adam Wright

Attest:

Josephine Harper, City Clerk