City of Haven

City Council Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Haven City Hall, Council Chamber

1. Call to Order

Mayor: Council President Ciara Powers
Call to Order Time: 7:00 PM

Moment to Honor Those in Military, First Responders, and Public Service

Sander motioned to add executive sessions for employee evaluations after staff reports. Schneider seconds. Motion carried.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present:

- Ciara Powers
- Sherri Schneider
- Corey Brock
- Shelli Rettig
- Nicole Sander

Councilmembers Absent:

- Mayor Adam Wright

Staff Present:

- City Clerk – Josephine Harper
- Public Works Director – Steve Carmichael
- Chief of Police – Matt Hayden
- City Attorney – Kendra Stacey

3. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

4. Consent Agenda

Items:

1. Minutes from September 8, 2026.
2. Accounts Payable for September 9 to September 21, 2026.
   Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.
   Moved by: Brock
   Seconded by: Sander

Vote:
Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Result: Passed

5. Regular Agenda

A. Old Business

Item: Consider Ordinance for Electric Scooters

Discussion Summary:

Rettig asked if the fines were the same as what other cities. Stacey and Hayden said they have had discussion and the fee in the ordinance is acceptable. Brock asked about the use of helmets, stating this was a topic of discussion with a citizen. Schneider said she would like to see the age lowered for a requirement of a helmet. Carmichael compared an electric scooter to someone who is driving a motorcycle and Schneider agreed that is a good comparison regarding the use of a helmet. Rettig asked how the kids have reacted to this conversation at the schools. Hayden said he feels there are more kids wearing helmets. Schneider's biggest concern is protecting not only the rider of the scooter, but also the drivers. The council discussed with the attorney and Hayden the different types of e-scooters and classifications.

Action Taken: Attorney will make the changes, and this will be bought back October 5, 2026

Motion: N/A

Vote: N/A

B. New Business

Item: Consider Fireworks Permit for Fall Fest Committee

Discussion Summary:

Council reviewed the application packet for fireworks to be set off during Haven Fall Festival.

Action Taken: Motion to accept and allow a fireworks show at Haven Fall Festival on October 10, 2026.

Motion: Sander

Second: Rettig

Vote - Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: Member Schneider abstained due to a declared conflict of interest.

Motion Result: Passed

Item: Common Consumption Area / Special Use Permit for the Sale of Alcohol at Haven Fall Festival.

Discussion Summary:

Shannin Rettig appeared representing the Fall Fest Committee requesting an open consumption area on Kansas from 2nd Street to the alley north of the library.

Action Taken: Motion to allow alcohol in an open consumption area from 7 PM to 11 PM on Friday, October 9, 2026, and 2 PM to Midnight on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Motion: Sander

Second: Brock

Vote - Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: Member Schneider abstained due to a declared conflict of interest.

Motion Result: Passed

Item: Industrial Drive and Scotts Drive Construction Progress
Discussion Summary:

The council, Harper, and Carmichael discussed where the project stands and how much longer this will be going on.

Motion: N/A
Vote: N/A

Item: Consider certification-based wage increase for Austin Meyer.
Action Taken: Motion to increase Austin Meyer's hourly wage by $0.25, from $19.98 to $20.23 per hour, effective September 21, 2026, based on his successful completion of the applicable water certification examination and consistent with the City's established compensation practice.
Motion: Schneider
Second: Rettig
Vote:
Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Result: Passed

C. Staff Reports

Harper, City Clerk, gave general updates.
Carmichael, Public Works Director, gave general updates.
Hayden, Chief of Police, gave general updates.
Stacey, City Attorney, just let the council know that she has been reviewing the handbook and the policy and procedures that will be discussed at the workshop coming up.

6. Executive Session

Sander moved that "the governing body recess into executive session for 20 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss the employee evaluations of the Public Works Director and the Chief of Police, with the Council and City Attorney present, the open meeting to resume at 8:23 p.m. in this room." Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:23 p.m., Brock moved to extend the executive session for an additional 20 minutes, until 8:44 p.m. Sander seconded. Motion carried.

The Council returned to regular session at 8:44 p.m. No binding action was taken.
Regular session resumed. No binding action taken.

7. Council Discussion

Councilmembers raised general discussion items, requested future agenda topics, or provided brief updates.

Notes:

Schneider expressed that meetings are set per ordinance and the mayor needs to be at the meeting and not cancel the last minute.
Rettig wants her email to the council to be put in the record.
Sander would like to see consistent communication to include the council president.
Brock – Agrees with all the other statements from the other councilmembers.
Schneider would like to have this conversation with the mayor present.
Powers would like to have a discussion with the mayor at the next meeting to be informed of what his future plans are.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:
Moved: Sander
Seconded: Rettig
Vote:
Yes: 5 No: 0
Motion Result: Passed
Adjournment Time: 8:55 pm

Minutes Prepared By:

City Clerk: Josephine Harper
Date: 9.21.2026