

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

November 6, 2006

Mayor John Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. Councilmen David Newcomer, Bruce Silvers, Charles Arndt and Don Ford were in attendance.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reviewed bids for repairing the intersection of Kansas Ave. and 2nd Street. After discussion by the Council, Bruce Silvers moved to accept the bid of Ferguson Paving at a cost of \$2,145.00 to replace a 16' X 16' section of the intersection with 8" of asphalt. David Newcomer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Andresen summarized ongoing maintenance projects including:

- Two upgrades to electrical service at Haven Steel Products, the first of which was completed on November 3rd
- Tree trimming to clear power lines
- Fall leaf removal using the city's street sweeper
- Radiator repair on the grader
- Acquisition of a bucket truck which has been postponed until the first of the year

Conrad Koehler, Kansas Gas Service Community Relations Manager from Hutchinson proposed an ordinance to renew the company's franchise with the city. The proposed agreement is subject to review every five years or at any time there is a change in pertinent state or federal regulations for the company or the city. After review by the Council, Bruce Silvers moved to approve Ordinance # 560 renewing the franchise of Kansas Gas Service and continuing the current franchise fee of three percent on natural gas sales. David Newcomer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

After a motion by Charles Arndt and second by Don Ford, the Council voted unanimously to hold a 20-minute executive session to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 7:40 PM.

City Administrator Allen Blake proposed increases in water, sewer and refuse disposal rates to take effect January 1, 2007. Increases are needed because current rates, among the lowest in the area, have been unchanged for five years while operating expenses have increased. The city is also planning improvements to both the public water supply system and the waste treatment lagoons. Electric rates will remain unchanged. After reviewing the proposed rates, the Council took the following action:

- Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #188, establishing rates to the consumers for the use of water furnished by the City of Haven. David Newcomer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Don Ford moved to approve Resolution #189, establishing rates for the user charge system to provide funds needed to pay for all expenses associated with the city wastewater treatment works. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- David Newcomer moved to approve Ordinance #561, establishing certain fees and charges for refuse collection and disposal service. Don Ford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Blake presented a proposal, requested by the Council, from Harlan Foraker, Certified Engineering Design, P.A., to prepare an Engineering Report and Draft Facility Plan for the wastewater treatment lagoons, as called for in the city's state permit, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Charles Arndt moved to approve the proposal, David Newcomer seconded, and the motion was approved four to zero.

The Council reviewed a preliminary Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for paving the unpaved streets north of Sunset Lane, including Kansas Ave., West 9th East 8th and Emporia Ave. The probable cost is \$182,000, however the Council must determine how the improvements will be financed and assessed before a petition can be prepared.

Westar could not yet furnish any information regarding proposed electric rates for the new November 2007 contract. The city has the option of putting the new contract out for bids. The Council reviewed information on the proposed transmission line between Colwich and Hutchinson. Westar is not planning any substations along the route that would allow the city to connect to the new line, so there is no direct benefit to Haven.

Blake reported that he attended a meeting at the Kansas Dept. of Transportation regarding the state Long Range Transportation Plan for projects in 2010-2012. He recommended that KDOT consider improving the intersection of K-96 and Arlington Rd. in light of crashes and fatalities that have occurred there. The Council suggested that Blake request that KDOT place directional signs near Haven as they had done for the unincorporated community of Yoder.

Grading of alleys between North Sedgwick Ave. and North Wichita Ave. has been done. The concrete slabs for skateboarding and basketball have been completed in Engweiler Park. The Council asked the administrator to contact the Parks and Recreation Board so the board could make plans for providing basketball goals at the facility. Swimming Pool repairs are to be done after the maintenance department finishes trimming trees from power lines. The city has contacted some property owners in the industrial park area regarding annexation and water main extensions. Mayor Mitchell asked the administrator to check on the city's liability for actions of an organization that was permitted to hold a parade.

Bruce Silvers moved to transfer Certificate of Deposit # 110704 to the city's checking account. David Newcomer seconded and the motion passed four to zero.

Minutes of the October 16, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Charles Arndt, seconded by Don Ford. Bills and transfers totaling \$171,434.75 were unanimously approved for payment after a motion by Dave Newcomer and second by Bruce Silvers.

The Council briefly discussed the proposed location for the new Reno County Fire Station, the status of a building permit relating to a special use and the city's ordinance requiring junk vehicles to be kept inside a closed building. The Council was informed that the K-96 Corridor Association had scheduled a membership campaign meeting at the community building on November 9.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:00 PM on a motion from Charles Arndt, seconded by Bruce Silvers.