

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

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

City Administrator Allen Blake reviewed the steps needed to draw up a petition for the 8th Street paving project. A benefit district must be established, the Council must decide how the costs will be assessed along with the length of pay out. Also a valid ownership list must be compiled and Engineer Harlan Foraker requested that the City Attorney review the petition form. The Council discussed methods for assessment and asked the administrator to provide more information regarding frontage and square footage of lots in the benefit district.

Blake informed the Council that he had met with Roland Elpers of Imperial Sleep Products to discuss annexation in connection with the industrial park water main extension project and that Elpers did not plan to petition to be annexed into the City. Blake advised the Council that the Roadmaster with K&O Railroad said he would have the contractor return and improve the recently replaced crossings in early December. The administrator also reported that he had talked to the building inspector regarding occupancy permits to insure that new tenants in commercial buildings as well as new structures comply with the zoning code.

The Council discussed raising the City's returned check fee and Don Ford moved to increase the fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Mike Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 7:45 PM The Council voted to meet in executive session for 45 minutes to discuss personnel evaluations. Executive sessions of 30 minutes were also approved at 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM to discuss personnel matters.

In other business, David Newcomer moved to give a \$300 Christmas bonus to full-time employees and gift certificates for local merchants to part-time employees. Don Ford seconded the motion and it passed five to zero. The minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Bruce Silvers and second by Mike Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$44,614.83 were approved for payment. Bruce Silvers moved to allow the transfer of money from the City's Public Investment Fund to checking as required and under supervision of the City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Charles Arndt and passed five to zero.

Council members agreed to adjust wages at the December 18th meeting. Mayor Mitchell requested that a report be compiled showing the number of electric meter installations and disconnections. David Newcomer reported that the K-96 Corridor Association was conducting area meetings to encourage private membership in the project. Efforts were also being made to highlight improvements as they occurred. The Council asked Administrator Blake to contact the City Attorney regarding annexation matters and also discussed developments regarding Reno County Fire District 9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM after a unanimous vote on a motion by Charles Arndt and second by Bruce Silvers.