

News Release

## **HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

February 19, 2007

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

Harlan Priddle, Executive Director of the K-96 Corridor Association, presented a report outlining the organization's activities for 2006. A copy of the report remains on file at the city office.

Engineer Harlan Foraker presented an evaluation of the City's existing wastewater treatment system with recommended improvements to meet Kansas Department of Health and Environment discharge permit requirements. The report recommends the addition of a new six-acre primary pond and other changes to improve compliance. The probable cost of the project is around \$615,000.00. The Council discussed financing for the project through the state's revolving loan fund. The City will review the report and offer corrections or revisions as needed.

City Administrator Allen Blake reviewed a resolution to initiate the annexation of two properties in the industrial park in preparation for a water main extension project. Imperial Sleep Products and Shep Chevrolet body shop, the properties proposed to be annexed, are presently surrounded by the city. The resolution, 07-192, passed unanimously and will be published April 12, with a hearing set for April 23. Copies of the resolution are to be mailed to the property owners and all taxing entities.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen discussed several matters with the Council. The new electric service for Haven Steel Products is to be installed beginning February 20. Water and electrical service is to be installed to two new homes on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Maintenance items for the pool are being addressed. Andresen will also obtain prices on installing steps in the shallow end of the pool for easier access. Westar was waiting for the Topeka office to release a bucket truck for sale to the City. The Council approved up to \$43,000 for the purchase of a bucket truck, allowing Blake and Andresen to determine the best purchase. The water wells were inspected by KDHE and the report is pending. The report is expected to require some changes in recordkeeping. More rubber chips are needed around playground equipment in Veterans Park. The maintenance department will test ball diamond lights and scoreboards prior to the season.

City Administrator Allen Blake reported that over half the property owners involved in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street paving project had signed the petition. Haven Industries had indicated a desire to sign the petition but had not yet done so. The Council discussed infrastructure projects needing attention and financing options available. Members decided to first locate, test and install new valves as needed in the water supply grid and then to proceed with plans for a larger water tower. Blake is in the process of placing a city map on computer with utility overlays for easier reference. In view of the recent purchase of a 2005 patrol car, the 1996 unit will be sold by sealed bid.

No feedback has been received from Reno County's attorney regarding the Council's stipulations on donating the lots on South Kansas Avenue for construction of the new District 9 fire station and possibly including space for Haven Community EMS. An estimate is expected by the March 5 meeting

for construction a single bay addition and remodeling of the existing EMS building. A meeting regarding the EMS and Fire building project is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building.

Minutes of the February 5, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Arndt and second by Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$70,113.28 were approved for payment after a motion by Newcomer and second by Arndt. The Council discussed the purchase of basketball goals by the Parks and Recreation board with funds budgeted for that purpose. The board chairman will be contacted regarding the purchase and the completion of the board roster. Also discussed was aeration of the ball diamonds to improve the condition of the field, and a motion for hearing filed by the city attorney regarding the Paul Moore estate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Charles Arndt and second by Mike Scott.