

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

March 5, 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.

Harland Priddle presented a review of the Chamber of Commerce activities for 2006 and plans for 2007. Plans include quarterly events emphasizing different types of businesses to replace monthly meetings.

David Chamberlain, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, recommended basketball goals to be placed at Engweiler Park. David Newcomer moved to approve \$3,900 for purchase of the goals and accessory hardware. Charles Arndt seconded the motion, which carried four to zero.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reported on several projects. Andresen located a set of steps to try in the shallow end of the pool. The Parks and Recreation Board will order rubber chips to place around playground equipment. The streets are scheduled to be swept by a contractor on March 21. Andresen participated in water operator recertification training on February 28. Andresen and Sandra Trego from the maintenance department are scheduled to attend classes at the Kansas Rural Water Association conference in March and Trego is to take the examination for wastewater operator certification. The Council reviewed photographs of a bucket truck to be purchased from a corporation in Iola pending completion of paperwork.

City Administrator Allen Blake advised that a petition had been received from residents in the 8th Street area requesting street paving. An ordinance to initiate the project is to be prepared. Water well #6, which is not currently used due to high nitrate levels, was retested and found to have a nitrate level around 16 parts per million. This is over the 10 ppm standard and the well continues to remain out of service. Blake is researching gate valves to be inserted into the city's water system grid. The purpose is to isolate areas needing maintenance without disrupting service to the entire city.

The Council discussed correspondence received from Reno County Attorney Joe O'Sullivan regarding the city's conditions for donating land to Reno County Fire District #9. O'Sullivan advised that the County is not willing to include Haven Community EMS in the building project. Council members agreed to respond to the letter to correct some misinformation and again request a design alternate that includes space for EMS.

The Minutes of the February 19, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Don Ford and second by Mike Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$143,913.67 were approved for payment after a motion by Charles Arndt and a second by Don Ford. City Clerk Cheryl Savaiano provided members with a copy of the February 28, 2007 financial statement, a summary of fund balances in comparison to the 2007 budget and a summary reconciling the utility billing and accounting programs.

The Council also discussed the hiring or contracting of someone to maintain the flowerbeds at the community building. Applications will be taken to replace the city's janitor who is resigning for health

reasons. The City Administrator plans to attend a meeting scheduled by Westar on March 14 in Topeka to explain the new “Cost Based” rate system. The Council discussed future replacement of a dump truck and pole setter truck.

At 8:07 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Mike Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.