

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

April 2, 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.

City Administrator Allen Blake updated the Council on several ongoing projects. The engineering study on the waste treatment lagoons has been sent to KDHE. Improvements are scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. The deadline for bringing the system into consistent compliance with state standards is December 2009.

Maintenance Employee Steven Honeycutt has resigned and employment applications are being received. Interviews will be scheduled later in the week. The Council discussed the option of hiring two workers. Part time employees will begin mowing this week.

There has been interest in the 1978 bucket truck. Sealed bids are due by close of business April 16.

Bids will be taken for concrete repair to replace curbs buckled by tree roots and the alley approach next to the city office. Bids will also be requested for a project to install or replace handicap accessible sidewalk ramps as needed.

The Reno County Commission has not responded to the City's correspondence regarding the donation of land for a new District #9 fire station. The Fire Chief has discussed the Council's intentions regarding the property with Administrator Blake and indicated the Commission was seeking alternative locations.

Andresen, Trego and Blake attended the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference the week of March 26. They gained some valuable information regarding new regulations, new technology and funds available through the State revolving loan program.

The Council discussed improvements to the City's water system, including some recommended by the 2005 engineering study; replacement of valves, larger water storage tower, blending or treatment at the tower and an additional well. Blake also indicated that the EPA and KDHE would require monitoring water treatment byproducts beginning in April 2008.

The Council reviewed a proposed contract for engineering and inspection of the 8th Street paving project presented by Harlan Foraker. They requested that Blake do some further research before approving the contract.

At 7:36 PM, David Newcomer moved for an executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real estate. Charles Arndt Seconded and the motion carried four to zero. At 7:46 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken.

Blake advised the Council that maintenance had located a water main leak in Engweiler Park and they were obtaining parts to repair it. The leak on the pool will also be addressed. The railroad repaired the crossing on West Main Street, however the City may have to hire a contractor to repair remaining rough crossings.

The minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$136,656.99 were unanimously approved for payment, on a motion by Newcomer and second by Ford. At the recommendation of the City Auditor, David Newcomer moved to amend the City's policy to add standards for changing computer passwords. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:08 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Mike Scott seconded and the motion carried with four yes votes.