

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

June 4, 2007

Mayor Cody Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. Also in attendance were Council Members Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, Don Ford and Mike Scott.

Two City Boards presented their proposed 2008 budgets. Haven Tree Board Chairperson Stephanie Carlson presented a \$13,000 budget for 2008. This is a \$2,000 reduction from their current 2007 budget. Charles Arndt moved to accept the proposal, Mike Scott seconded and the motion carried five to zero. Dan Owens reviewed the Proposed 2008 budget for the Library Board totaling \$48,500 the same as 2007. The Council discussed the automation project and its ongoing costs. Don Ford moved to approve the budget, Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Friesen spoke to the Council for the second time regarding his request for a franchise to provide communication services to Haven. The City Attorney, after reviewing the proposed ordinance, recommended alternative wording referring to existing franchise ordinances. Mr. Friesen believes that the references could be used to a competitor's advantage. The Council agreed that Mr. Friesen should continue discussion with the City Attorney and City Administrator to resolve the issue.

At around 7:30 PM, Council members left the meeting to tour the sewer lift station, burn site and waste treatment lagoons. They returned and resumed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen advised the Council that some parties were interested in purchasing the City's retired mosquito fogger. The Council agreed to advertise for sealed bids. Andresen suggested that the new owner sign a release of liability, as the fogger has been used for application of chemicals. Andresen also informed the Council that water loss at the swimming pool has been greatly reduced. One valve is not closing completely and will need to be repaired after the pool is emptied. Basketball goals at Engweiler Park are scheduled to be installed before the June 18th Council meeting.

City Administrator Allen Blake addressed the Council about ongoing projects. Blake contacted Engineer Harlan Foraker regarding the 8th Street paving project. Foraker reported that he was waiting on the Surveyor's report and should have something for the City to look at in two weeks. Blake reported that John Schmidt of Haven Auto told him that negotiations between Haven Auto and Reno County Fire District #9 to trade some property for construction of the new fire station are at impasse. Schmidt had also recommended to the Administrator that the City tear out and repave the alley south of its building to improve drainage. County Administrator Tim Davies told Blake that they would continue without the property swap. In other business, Blake informed the Council that a resident had requested reimbursement for damage to their vehicle that occurred while driving in an alley. Members agreed not to pay for the damage. Blake also passed along a request from swimming pool staff to establish a web site for the city pool at a cost of around \$75.00 per year. The site would contain announcements and information about activities. Council members agreed to the request.

Members reviewed an ordinance to annex two tracts of land in the industrial park that are currently surrounded by the city. Mr. Elpers of Imperial Sleep products, one of the property owners, had asked to be present when the Council discussed water improvements for the area. The Shep Chevrolet body shop occupies the other tract. Charles Arndt moved to approve Ordinance no. 563 annexing certain lands to the City of Haven. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed with five yes votes.

Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #194, expressing support for the Haven PRIDE program for 2007. Don Ford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Council was informed that, after taking some measurements, the Maintenance Supervisor believes the PRIDE Committee will be able to locate benches on downtown sidewalks without interfering with maintenance activities.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$182,785.46 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott.

Charles Arndt moved to accept the resignation of John Jenkins from the Ambulance Board. Don Ford seconded the motion and it carried five to zero. Don Ford moved to appoint Paul Regier to the Haven Tree Board, Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Members agreed to the following liaison assignments to the city boards:

Charles Arndt – Ambulance Board

Don Ford – Parks and Recreation Board

Mike Scott – Planning Commission

Kathy Long – Library Board

Jeff Stringer – Tree Board

Council Members discussed the condition of alleys, requests for paving and repaving alleys and who should pay for the work. Improvements such as initial paving are usually paid for by those who benefit from them, such as abutting property owners. Repair/repaving is paid for by the city at large.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Charles Arndt and second by Jeff Stringer. The motion carried unanimously.