

**HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

June 18, 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.

Lloyd Schmidt, Administrator for the estate of Alma Back, presented a check in the amount of \$115,440 to Haven Community EMS. Director Tony Troyer and Board President Emil Savaiano received the donation, which is to be used for capital improvements as outlined in Alma's will.

Annette Engweiler requested authorization from the Council to conduct business, as All Sports Liquor LLC, at the former Brown's Liquor Store on East First Street. Ms. Engweiler discussed her plans for the store, which include remodeling and a new sign. Charles Arndt moved to approve the Occupancy Permit. Don Ford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Charles Wagner presented budget requests for the Haven Visioning Committee, which focused on promotion of the city. \$3,800 was requested for 2007 for Fall Festival advertising and a listing in the Reno County Visitor's Guide. \$15,000 was requested for 2008 for various sorts of advertising. The Council expressed concern about granting the 2008 budget request in view of the City's infrastructure needs, as well as possible similar requests from other groups. They suggested that the projects be prioritized and addressed in phases if possible. The Council unanimously approved the request for \$3,800 for 2007 on a motion by Charles Arndt and second by Mike Scott.

EMS Board President Emil Savaiano presented the proposed 2008 Ambulance Board budget of \$146,569. Major projects include new heart monitors and a new ambulance. Charles Arndt moved to approve the budget as presented. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed with five yes votes.

At approximately 8:00 PM, members left the council room to tour the #7 water well, the swimming pool and the city maintenance shop. At 8:45 PM, they returned to address remaining agenda items.

David Chamberlain, President of the Parks and Recreation Board and Recreation Director Merritt Wright presented a 2008 budget request of \$40,305. Major expenditures are for play equipment and replacement bleachers. The Council discussed the recreation program and the Director's salary. Don Ford moved to accept the proposal, Mike Scott seconded and the motion passed five to zero.

City Administrator Allen Blake updated the Council on several matters. Blake suggested that the City participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP was recommended by representatives of FEMA and would allow all residents to purchase flood insurance at reduced rates. Although Haven is not in a flood zone, participation is at no cost and has additional benefits in the event of a disaster. The Council agreed to proceed with a resolution authorizing membership in the NFIP. Blake advised that Engineer Harlan Foraker plans to attend the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street paving project. There was nothing new yet regarding the franchise agreement with Wildflower Internet, however the City Attorney believes that any remaining issues can be resolved.

Blake recommended that, with the advertising of the Fall Festival, the Council should adopt an ordinance regulating parades. The Chamber of Commerce would also need to develop guidelines regulating parade entries. The Administrator presented a new format for employee evaluations and suggested conducting evaluations mid-year. The Council agreed to use the new format for mid-year evaluations.

Minutes of the June 4, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Arndt and second by Stringer. Bills and transfers totaling \$55,465.65 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott.

The Council agreed to place signs on city property offering a reward for information leading conviction of individuals responsible for vandalism. Also discussed was a request to compensate a volunteer for services offered at the swim pool. It was suggested that a free swim pass be issued. Members read a thank you note from Hayley Hunsberger and reviewed a schedule for special hearings on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Charles Arndt moved to issue a sales permit to Wholesale Fireworks Enterprises for fireworks sales July 1 through July 4. Jeff Stringer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:25 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Don ford seconded and the motion passed with five yes votes.