

**HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

August 6, 2007

Mayor Cody Littlestar called a special hearing to order at 6:50 PM with members Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer and Don Ford present. The Council considered an application from Lloyd Schmidt for a variance on setback at 302 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Lloyd requested an additional 8 feet for adding on to his residence, leaving a setback of approximately 30 feet from the curb. The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the application at their July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was no public comment at the hearing.

The regular session was called to order and Don Ford moved to approve the variance as requested. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which carried three to zero. At 7:02 PM, Charles Arndt entered the meeting.

Resident Treasa Linthicum expressed concerns regarding the condition of the home she is renting. The Council and City Administrator agreed to research permits that may have been issued for the property and evaluate any action the City may be authorized to take.

Engineer Harlan Foraker with Certified Engineering Design reviewed bids for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street paving project. APAC was low bidder at \$108,229.70. LaFarge bid \$125,835.00. Charles Arndt moved to award the contract to APAC and allow the Mayor to sign the contracts once the City Attorney reviews them. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Foraker advised that the work could begin by August 27<sup>th</sup> and that a preconstruction conference would take place at the city office a week prior to startup.

No public comment was heard at the scheduled budget hearing and Don Ford moved to approve the 2008 budget as presented. Kathy Long seconded and the motion, which carried with four yes votes. The 2008 budget keeps the mill levy the same as previous years.

Harland Priddle, Executive Director of the K-96 Corridor Development Association, Inc., recommended that City Administrator Allen Blake be appointed as interim representative to the Association Board of Directors, replacing David Newcomer. Charles Arndt moved to do so and Jeff String seconded the motion, which carried four to zero.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen presented one bid for street repaving to Kansas Ave., railroad crossings, and the alley east of the Baptist church. The City was unable to obtain a second bid for the work and in view of the need, the Council agreed to proceed with the improvements. Charles Arndt moved to accept the bid of APAC-Shears for \$97,326.26. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Andresen requested the purchase of three two-yard trash hoppers at a cost of \$533.00 each to accommodate the needs of new businesses. Don Ford moved to purchase the hoppers, Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion carried. The Council also discussed resident concerns regarding mowing and damage to the Tree Board's Gator Bags in City parks.

City Administrator Allen Blake presented Resolution #199 providing for partial reimbursement by the City for sidewalk replacement. The resolution continues the City's policy of paying for half of the concrete for replacement of damaged sidewalks and all the concrete for curb ramps. Don Ford moved to approve the resolution and Jeff Stringer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Blake informed the Council that, with the decision to purchase electricity through Kansas Power Pool, new metering will be required and will need to be installed by Westar at the City's two delivery points. It is unknown exactly what type of connection will be required to provide real time metering and cost estimates are not available from Westar at this time.

Blake updated the Council on an incident that occurred in July in which oil from a local industry was inadvertently introduced into the sewer system. Eagle Environmental was hired to vacuum the oil from the waste treatment lagoons and the product was disposed of, in accordance with a State disposal authorization, at the landfill in Topeka. KDHE was notified and informed as the project proceeded.

At 8:23 PM, Charles Arndt moved for an executive session to last until 9:00 PM to discuss personnel. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The executive session was extended until 9:15 PM, when the regular session resumed. Kathy Long moved to approve Resolution #200 establishing an hourly rate of \$10.00 for the Utility Clerk and \$11.00 per hour for the Refuse Driver/Hauler. Charles Arndt seconded, and the motion carried with four yes votes.

The Council agreed to a request from Kincaid Equipment Corp. to pay for an electrical service upgrade for a plant expansion in twelve monthly installments.

The Minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Ford and second by Arndt. Bill and transfers totaling \$208,719.66 were approved for payment on a motion by Ford and second by Arndt. Council Members read a thank you note from the Haven Library for support of the summer reading program. The Council discussed fencing requirements for backyard pools and also the status of junk vehicles and equipment. At 9:44 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried unanimously.