

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS  
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Mayor Cody Littlestar called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, Don Ford and Mike Scott.

At 7:00 PM Charles Arndt moved for a 15-minute executive session with Brian Morgan for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Mike Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously. At 7:15 PM the executive session was extended 15 minutes. The regular session resumed at 7:28 PM.

City Administrator Allen Blake asked the Council what they wished to do about the proposed water main extension in the industrial area. The City has received preliminary approval for State revolving loan funding to finance the project. Blake recommended that the City at large pay for half of the \$114,000 project as an economic development incentive. Property owners in the benefit district were invited to the meeting. Mike Scott, of Scott Stuff, indicated that he was against the project due to the cost. Roland Elpers, of Imperial Sleep Products, stated that he was not going to pay for water service because it would be of no benefit to him. He further stated that he had never received any help or benefit from the City and that no one from the City had contacted him to see if he needed help after their recent fire damage. Blake advised the Council that the City had only a few hundred dollars invested in the project to date and there were other needed improvements where money might be better spent. The Council decided not to proceed with the water main extension due to opposition from property owners in the industrial area to paying half the cost. The project would have provided City water and increased fire protection to the area.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reported that the dangerous broken plate glass windows at 119 N. Kansas Ave. had been covered with plywood and painted. Westar is scheduled to shut power off to the City at 11:00 PM to replace substation transformers due to lightening damage. Andresen plans to do some repairs and upgrades to the electrical system at the same time. Andresen updated the Council on the street resurfacing project and the 8<sup>th</sup> Street paving project, which are underway. The Council reviewed the pool manager's report and expressed the desire that repairs be done this fall rather than waiting until spring. Andresen advised the Council that he had been called to jury duty during October. A resident had requested repair of potholes near the ball diamonds in Engweiler Park and in the alley east of the Haven Grade School. The Maintenance Supervisor reminded the Council that what looks like an alley east of the grade school is not a City alley but is school property. The Council agreed to sell street millings at a fair market price.

City Administrator Allen Blake asked the Council if they wished to donate the \$2,000 fireworks permit fee, received from Wholesale Fireworks, to the Fall Festival Committee

as previously requested by Harland Priddle. Charles Arndt moved to do this, Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blake advised the Council that he would be working with an engineer to update the 2005 study of the City water system so the Council could plan for needed improvements.

Charles Arndt moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2007 meeting. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed with five yes votes. Bills and transfers totaling \$154,049.44 were unanimously approved after a motion by Stringer and second by Scott. Members reviewed a charge from Haven Insurance Agency for an additional Workman's Compensation endorsement.

Other issues discussed by the Council included a pending insurance claim for lightening damage to the water tower controls and tornado sirens, problems with cable TV service, and progress of construction by Wildflower Communications. At 8:15 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.