

News Release

## HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

October 1, 2007

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 and Don Ford.

The Council heard a request from Dean Chesnut that City Ordinances be reviewed and updated. He requested that all ordinances furnished to him be photocopies of the original signed documents and also that all ordinances be scanned and posted on the City's website. Chesnut expressed that he believes only select ordinances are being enforced and asked if that was a directive by the Governing Body, City Administrator or Police Chief. He specifically noted that the Shep Chevrolet body shop was recently annexed into the City and is required to have a fenced impound yard within 60 days of annexation.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen presented three sealed bids for a new pickup for the maintenance department. Don Ford moved to accept Shep Chevrolet's bid of \$19,084.58 for a 2007 Chevrolet pickup. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion carried four to zero. Andresen informed the Council that seven fire hydrants were inoperable and need immediate replacement. Six more hydrants were difficult to operate and should be scheduled for replacement. An additional hydrant needs to be installed at the corner of Main and Salina. He had contacted Inman Excavating for estimates. Charles Arndt moved to replace seven fire hydrants at \$3,500 each and install the new one at Main and Salina at a cost of \$5,200. Don Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The Maintenance Supervisor also advised the Council that Kansas Clean Pavement, Inc. would sweep streets this week and the City's sweeper would be used to pick up leaves later this fall. Tree trimming is being done by the maintenance department in alleys and around power lines. The leaking valve at the swimming pool will be turned off at the main with repairs scheduled for spring. Other repairs at the pool buildings are to be completed this fall. Mayor Littlestar suggested that the wood portion of the well houses needs painting. The Council discussed using metal or vinyl siding to cover exposed wood and reduce maintenance.

City Administrator Allen Blake recommended that the Council consider mapping the City's electrical, water and sewer utilities both for ease of planning and maintenance and for documentation in case of a disaster. It was discussed at the Kansas Power Pool meeting that recent disasters in Greensburg and elsewhere had brought out that FEMA only reimburses for what can be documented. KPP has partnered with Olsson Associates for mapping electric utilities and Kansas Rural Water Association offers a GPS mapping service of water and sewer utilities and other equipment. The Council agreed to invite representatives to attend a meeting and present their services. Blake informed the Council that he had a commitment from Gonzales Construction to install six handicap accessible sidewalk ramps by October 13. Two to three street lights are to be installed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Blake also reported that he had attended the K-96 Corridor Association

meeting and that he would be meeting with Francis Schoepf of Haven Industries concerning the development of an additional 10 acres north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Don Ford advised that he had received a thank you form a parent regarding the Council's decision to maintain the 21-year age limit for sales of cereal malt beverages. The Council asked if the 1993 maintenance pickup would be sold and the Administrator advised that it had recently had some repairs and would probably be kept in service for the time being. Mayor Littlestar asked if the recalls on the patrol cars had been done and Blake informed the Council that there were recalls on two units that would need to be completed. Council Members read two thank you notes from Mike and Paula Scott and Peggy Miller and briefly discussed resident problems with cable TV service.

The minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Long. Bills and transfers totaling \$287,826.34 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Long. The Council discussed the status of repairs and insurance claims resulting from recent storms. They also discussed seeking more bids for insurance coverage or changing coverage at the end of the current contract.

At 8:07 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed four to zero.