

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

October 15, 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.

Harland Priddle, Executive Director of K-96 Corridor Development Association, Inc., visited with the Council regarding an economic development program for the City. As a method for setting goals, Priddle suggested that Council representatives and community leaders meet in a working session to establish criteria. An advisory board could be developed as a structure for implementing a plan of action and incentive programs could be adopted by the Council to encourage the growth of new business and industry. Priddle indicated the need to begin a dialogue and also consider using the resources of the Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce for assistance.

Ron Hirst with the Quest Center for Entrepreneurs advised the Council that matching funds of \$15,000 to \$125,000 were available to the City from a state grant program, the Small Communities Improvement Program. The program is intended to enhance the quality of life in populations fewer than 5,000 that do not qualify for other grants. Hirst also advised that he is in Haven the first Tuesday of each month to speak with businesses regarding projects they may have.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen advised that the City had taken delivery on the 2007 Chevrolet pickup on October 4th. Several fire hydrants are scheduled for replacement beginning October 29th and there will be intermittent water outages during that period. The City's sweeping contractor swept streets the first week in October. Transformers for the Kincaid project have not been delivered. Repairs have been completed in the Library restroom. Andresen is scheduled for jury duty October 16th. Mayor Littlestar expressed thanks to the maintenance personnel and volunteers who had worked on the Fall Festival.

City Administrator Allen Blake reported that Reno County Administrator Tim Davies had requested that the City pay for moving utilities for the new District No. 9 fire station in order to make sure the bids did not go over budget. The Council declined. The Council also declined to pay for a residential sewer line being cleaned when City mains were flooded earlier this year. Everything is in place to begin receiving electrical power through Kansas Power Pool December 1. A representative from Westar was out to assess meter upgrades that are required by KPP. Blake has submitted a draft ordinance to the State Engineer for approval that will allow Haven to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The Administrator advised the Council of citizen complaints about a drainage ditch that needs to be cleaned out. The Council agreed that City personnel and equipment could be used to clean certain ditches that were used in draining City streets. The 1997 patrol car is out of service and will require a new intake manifold at a cost of \$800. Blake recommended that the Council make use of cost/benefit studies with regard to economic development incentives. This will help to justify or deny particular

incentives and avoid misunderstandings about how the City decides who will pay for infrastructure improvements in the future. The Administrator informed the Council that Employee Nathan Reed had completed his probationary period and was in line for a raise and the Council instructed Blake to prepare the appropriate resolution.

Mayor Littlestar requested that a thank you message be broadcast over Channel 15 to volunteers who had helped with the Fall Festival. The Council discussed the possibility of switching the street names of Kansas Avenue and Main Street to better fit the layout of the City. Input from the public and the City Attorney will be sought prior to any changes.

At 7:57 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 30-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Kathy Long seconded, and the motion passed four to zero. At 8:20 PM, the regular session resumed.

The Minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Arndt. The Council was advised that a claim for roof damage at the swim pool was pending and that the bill for Kansas Avenue improvements came in \$1,137 over bid due to extra patching that was needed. Bills and transfers totaling \$92,590.57 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Long.

Members agreed to hold their annual Christmas party on December 3rd at the Community Building. City Clerk Cheryl Savaiano advised that a representative from All Sports Liquor had requested agenda time for November 5th regarding Sunday sales. Members discussed ways to distribute the remaining Haven Centennial Books and also agreed to move them from the Library to another storage area.

At 8:45 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.