

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

November 5, 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.

Annette Engweiler with All Sports Liquor requested the Council consider allowing sales on Sunday from noon to 8 PM as provided in state statute. Annette plans to implement the sales on "big money" days such as events and holidays. The Council agreed to ask City Attorney Larry Bolton to draft an ordinance allowing Sunday liquor sales and consider it at a later date.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reviewed three bids for improving water well houses and chlorine sheds. After comparing the expense with the 2007 budget figures, the Council put the improvements on hold until after the first of the year. Seven of eight fire hydrants have been replaced. Several residents had requested the old hydrants for yard decorations. The Council agreed to accept sealed bids to be submitted by close of business November 19. Since the hydrants are all different, high bid will receive choice. The new transformer bank at Kincaid Equipment is complete. The Council agreed to obtain bids to upgrade transformer banks at the grade school and football field. City decals for the new maintenance truck were on backorder. The trash truck continues to have maintenance concerns and several trash hoppers need to be repaired or replaced.

Stinger Ltd. requested a culvert to improve drainage across their driveway in light of a building addition to the west. The City has maintained the area on a verbal agreement since it was annexed. Council members asked staff to find out if Stinger is willing to dedicate the drive as a street prior to making the improvement.

At 7:47 PM, Don Ford moved for an executive session until 8:00 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried four to zero. The regular session resumed at 8:00 PM.

City Administrator Allen Blake advised that the 1997 patrol car had required an additional \$300 expense for additional repairs in conjunction with replacement of the intake manifold. Since Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday this year, the Council Agreed to make an exception to policy and allow employees to take vacation day or personal leave on Monday before the holiday.

Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #201 authorizing a state loan application for sewer system improvements and allowing Allen Blake to act as administrator on the part of the City. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried four to zero.

Don Ford moved to approve a rate of pay increase to \$11.00 per hour for Maintenance Worker #3, Nathan Reed, retroactive to October 15, 2007. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Arndt moved to contract with Allied Laboratories at a cost of \$4,300 for purposes of conducting testing needed to determine the type of liner required for the lagoon expansion. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed a flood plain map showing a small section of property in the southeast portion of the city limits in a 100-year flood zone. Some residents on the city's east side were included in a 500-year flood zone. The Council reviewed a draft ordinance approved by the state engineer that would allow the City to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Under the NFIP, development in flood areas would be regulated, residents could purchase lower cost flood insurance and eligibility for FEMA assistance would be enhanced. Don Ford moved to approve Ordinance #568 authorizing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion passed four to zero.

Correspondence was received from Omaha Public Power District, a company furnishing electricity through the Kansas Power Pool, requesting the City to guarantee that electricity furnished by them would be paid for through KPP. Charles Arndt moved to execute Schedule B of the guarantee to Omaha Public Power District as requested. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Blake reported that he had checked with the City Attorney about what would be involved in switching the street names of Kansas Avenue and Main Street. Due to public input regarding the change, the Council agreed to abandon the project.

Dean Chesnut agreed to present a plan for the building at 139 S. Kansas Avenue at a future meeting. A temporary electric meter has been used at the building for an extended period. Chesnut requested a change in the October 1, 2007 minutes, where he was misquoted. He also advised that there was no light on the flag at the community building, which is a violation of federal law.

At 8:44 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 30-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed with four yes votes. At 9:14 PM, the regular session resumed.

Charles Arndt moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Mike Scott, due to ill health. Included in the motion was recognition of Mike as a faithful public servant. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Members agreed to present a plaque to Mike's family in honor of his service to the community.

At the recommendation of board members, Charles Arndt moved to appoint Jennifer Vierthaler to the Haven Community Ambulance Board. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Thank you notes were read from Haven Chamber of Commerce and Mike and Paula Scott. Mayor Littlestar informed the Council that arrangements were in place to move the centennial books, pending contact with the caretaker of the storage area.

Bills and transfers totaling \$266,274.08 were unanimously approved for payment after a motion by Stringer and a second by Ford. Minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Long and second by Arndt.

At 9:31 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion carried with four yes votes.