

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

November 19, 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.

Mayor Littlestar presented a plaque to Paula, Christopher and Jessica Scott in honor and memory of Council Member Mike Scott, who passed away on November 12, 2007.

Three sealed bids were opened for used fire hydrants. Charles Arndt moved to give Brad McGrane first choice at his bid of \$50.00 each, Elwin Gingerich second choice at his bid of \$30.00 each, and Tim Ketchum third choice at his bid of \$20.50 each. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed with three yes votes and one abstention from Jeff Stringer.

City Administrator Allen Blake reviewed with the Council a proposed engineering contract from Harlan Foraker for services associated with the wastewater lagoon expansion expected to begin in 2008. Estimated fees were approximately \$60,000, of the engineer's total estimate of \$498,000. The Council agreed to have the City Attorney review the contract prior to approval. The City's application for state revolving loan funds for the project has been mailed. The Ordinance adopting floodplain zoning regulations had also been mailed to the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, which will forward the documents to FEMA.

Blake also presented the revised Kansas Power Pool (KPP) Operating Agreement for the Council's approval. One of the main changes affecting the City is the codification of the procedure for withdrawal from KPP. The two-year notification for withdrawal remains the same. Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #203 approving the Kansas Power Pool Amended Operating Agreement. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried four to zero.

The water tower has been inspected the week of November 12th with satisfactory results. It may need repainting at the next inspection in 2010. Water service went down briefly, during the process of draining the tower and switching directly to the wells, which resulted in resident complaints.

Groundbreaking for the new District #9 Fire Station on South Kansas Ave. is scheduled for November 28. The estimate for moving poles and providing electric service to the building is approximately \$9,000, which the City will bill to District #9. A two-inch water service will also be installed at Fire District expense.

At 7:40 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 30-minute executive session with employee Sandra Trego regarding personnel matters. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed four to zero. At 8:10 PM, the executive session was extended by 10 minutes. At 8:15 PM, regular session resumed. After regular session resumed, Charles Arndt moved to

authorize the Mayor to ask for the resignation of Sandra Trego. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. At the Mayor's request, Sandra Trego verbally replied that she would resign. The mayor requested that Trego provide a brief written letter of resignation as well. The Council agreed to pay Trego two weeks severance pay, remaining earned vacation pay and health insurance coverage through December 31st. Charles Arndt moved to accept the resignation of Sandra Trego as indicated. Don Ford seconded and the motion carried with four yes votes.

Minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Arndt and a second by Long. Bills and transfers totaling \$80,883.94 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion by Ford and second by Arndt. Members briefly discussed options for appointing someone to fill the unexpired term of Mike Scott. Blake advised that a representative from Olsson Associates would attend a January meeting to discuss mapping the City electric utility. The Council agreed that city personnel could help load fire hydrants purchased by successful bidders. There was brief discussion regarding the Paul Moore estate and storage of Centennial Books at 101 S. Kansas Ave.

At 9:00 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.