

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

December 17, 2007

Mayor Cody Littlestar called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 PM with Council Members Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer and Charles Arndt present.

A public hearing was held on an amendment to the 2007 budget to add \$100,000 in budget authority in the utility fund to cover expenses for 2007. No additional revenue will be needed. The hearing closed at 7:10 PM and the regular session began. Charles Arndt moved to approve the amendment as published. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which carried with three yes votes.

Jeff and Donna Towell, Jan Sell, Don Huston and Lillian Zongker appeared to express dissatisfaction with the resignation, at Council request, of employee Sandra Trego. The group asked that Trego be reinstated for one day in 2008 so she could be vested in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs). The Council later agreed to consult with KPERs and the City Attorney regarding the request before making a decision. The group also requested that Trego be awarded a Christmas bonus customarily given to full time employees. Later in the meeting, Charles Arndt moved to pay full-time employees a \$300 Christmas bonus, to include Sandra Trego, and prorated bonuses for employees who began work in 2007. Don Ford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After review of applications, Charles Arndt moved to approve 2008 cereal malt beverage licenses for Haven Foodliner, Kabredlo's and Kwik Shop. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Jeff Stringer moved to approve a 2008 Occupancy Permit for All Sports Liquor LLC. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried with three yes votes. At 7:45 PM, Don Ford entered the meeting. Charles Arndt moved to approve 2008 trailer park licenses to Elliott Courts and Reynolds Trailer Park. Jeff Stringer seconded, and the motion passed four to zero. City Administrator Allen Blake requested the Council not take action on the license application for Hindman Trailer Park until he had an opportunity to visit with the owner about an abandoned mobile home at the park.

Maintenance Superintendent Allen Andresen discussed the following items with the Council: There was no damage to the City's electrical distribution system in the recent ice storm. One customer experienced single-phasing for a short time. The maintenance department put in 50 hours of overtime trimming ice-covered branches off of power lines and 40 hours of overtime removing snow. Replacement of the pump on water well #7 is on schedule for Wednesday December 19. One hundred tons of street chippings have been sold. The electric project for the new fire station is moved back to January due to the contractor being busy with ice storm repairs. Cost estimates for the two USD 312 electrical service upgrades will be available at the January 7 meeting. Andresen advised that he has renewed his wastewater certification, valid for two years. Three additional two-yard trash hoppers are needed and Don Ford moved to approve their purchase at

\$533 each. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Council agreed that Andresen could follow up on a dump truck he heard is for sale.

City Administrator Allen Blake presented a draft loan document, for the sewer lagoon project, to the Council. The City Attorney will forward his comments to KDHE and a final draft will be prepared. No Council action is needed at this time. Blake also presented a sewer use ordinance needed to meet requirements of the loan. After review, Don Ford moved to approve Ordinance #569 regulating the use of the City's sewer system. Jeff Stringer seconded the motion, which carried with four yes votes. The Council agreed to look into an Insurance Proceeds Funds ordinance, which would provide a lien on insurance proceeds until property damaged by fire, explosion or storm is cleaned up.

At 8:25 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 45-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations. Don Ford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. At 9:04 PM, regular session resumed.

Don Huston requested that the City remove concrete from his pasture that was inadvertently placed there by contractors during the 8th Street paving project. He also requested that a pole, broken and no longer needed, be removed from his property at 109 S. Topeka. The Council agreed that both projects could be completed when the ground dries out.

Minutes of the November 19, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Arndt and a second by Ford. Bills and transfers for December 3, totaling \$79,392.81 and December 17, totaling \$87,998.29 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Arndt.

Don Ford informed the Council that USD 312 has asked if the City could coordinate a district-wide YMCA sponsored football program for elementary students. Council Members read several Christmas cards from vendors and thank you notes from the Haven Fall Festival Committee, Paula Scott and Trails West EMS.

At 10:00 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed with four yes votes.