

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

January 21, 2008

PRESENT: Cody Littlestar, Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, and Don Ford
OTHERS: Cris Naegele, Willis Wilson, Dean and Ann Chesnut, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Long, Stringer, and Ford present.

UTILITY MAPPING PROJECT:

Cris Naegele with Utility Helpnet, Inc. presented a sample map illustrating electrical, water, and zoning designations for the City of Mt. Hope. At 7:02 PM, Charles Arndt entered the meeting. An up to date base map could be created or obtained from Reno County or USGS, with a variety of layers added to meet the needs of the city. Three pricing options were indicated. Updates could be added to the computer-generated map as required. Members agreed to include the topic in future discussion.

WATER WELL/WATER IMPROVEMENTS:

Willis Wilson with Aqua Tech Engineering reviewed specifications and pricing for a new water well to include either a vertical turbine pump or a submersible pump. He also reviewed a proposed scope of services for updating and compiling a master water plan, a document required in applying for the state's revolving loan fund. Council requested specification sheets on the vertical turbine versus the submersible pumps.

CONCERNS REGARDING KOMA:

Dean Chesnut reviewed state statute regarding the Kansas Open Meetings Act and strongly encouraged members to conduct meetings in accordance with state law. In particular, Dean was concerned about procedure involving executive sessions and the recent decision to offer the empty council seat to Paula Scott.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Charles Arndt moved to appoint, for two-year terms, Emil Savaiano, Bruce Trapp, and Don Bogner to the Ambulance Board; Mary Andresen and Susan Long to the Parks and Recreation Board; Joe DiNitto and Jack Parker to the Planning Commission; Virginia Brawner to the Tree Board; and Floyd Dodds to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kathy Long seconded, and motion carried four to zero. Arndt moved and Long seconded a motion to appoint Ivan Schrock to a one-year term on the Ambulance Board. Motion passed unanimously.

2007 GAAP WAIVER:

Don Ford moved to approve Resolution #205 waving requirements of the state's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion passed with four yes votes.

CANCELED CHECK:

Don Ford moved to cancel Check #35027 dated December 27, 2005 for \$20.00 and return the money to the General Fund. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed four to zero.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

- With limited discussion, Charles Arndt moved to accept the bid of Dave Richardson Construction of \$5,259.38 for improvements to Water Wells #4 and #6. Kathy Long seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
- Kathy Long moved to have Kenny's Electric provide electrical upgrades at Haven Grade School at a cost of \$14,410.00 and electrical improvements to the lighting at the high school football field at a cost of \$8,175.00. Charles Arndt seconded, and motion carried with four yes votes.
- Members and Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen discussed at length the need for a new trash truck. A cost analysis comparing city rates and those of Stutzman Disposal Refuse had not yet been researched. Council agreed to check with the Ambulance Board on its time frame for purchasing new vehicle and revisit budget resources for the purchase of a trash truck at the February 4th meeting.
- Council declined the option of purchasing a 4-wheel vehicle for both snow removal and dragging the ball diamonds.
- After brief review, Charles Arndt moved to convert the city shop from gas to electric heat at a cost of \$1,200. Don Ford seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
- Allen reported that Jay Mattison had passed testing and was now a Class I Water Operator.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

- Allen Blake advised the need to replace a shop door that had been damaged in the 2005 ice storm. Jeff Stringer moved to purchase a new unit from Cheney Door at a cost of \$1,475.00. Kathy Long seconded, and motion carried four to zero.
- After general review of text, Don Ford moved to approve Ordinance #571 concerning policies and procedures regarding delinquent utility bills, discontinuance of service, and utility deposits. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed with four yes votes.
- In extended discussion regarding trash service, Allen felt the service was a benefit to the city, as income levels were favorable, and personnel was utilized in other areas.
- Electric rates billed through Kansas Power Pool were almost the same as those through Westar, so rates would not need to be adjusted at this time.
- Members reviewed a health insurance proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield, which reflected a 12% increase in premium rates. Charles Arndt moved to accept the proposal as presented. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
- Council agreed by general consensus to maintain rather than replace current radios used by the maintenance department by shortening the antennas and encouraging the use of leather holders. Mobile radios were needed in the bucket truck and the 2007 maintenance truck.
- An ordinance allowing the Sunday sale of liquor was in process.

- Additional correspondence had been sent to KPERS regarding vested retirement benefits for former employee Sandra Trego.
- C. B. Showalter's application for water rights should not affect the city's efforts to drill a water well on the city's east side.
- Allen encouraged members to seriously consider the proposals for mapping city utilities as well as the water plan improvements.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 7, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved, after a motion by Stringer and a second by Arndt.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$103,801.03 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Long.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Paula Scott had accepted the vacated council seat and would attend the February 4th meeting.

Centennial books had been moved from the Library.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:53 PM, Kathy Long moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion carried four to zero.