

NEWS RELEASE

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

February 4, 2008

PRESENT: Cody Littlestar, Kathy Long, Jeff Stringer, Charles Arndt, Don Ford, and Paula Scott

OTHERS: Merritt Wright, Brian Morgan, Dean and Ann Chesnut, Allen Andresen, Allen Blake, and Cheryl Savaiano

Mayor Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

BLEACHERS FOR PARKS & RECREATION:

Merritt Wright advised plans to spend budgeted funds for four sets of bleachers for the ball diamond at Engweiler Park. Grounds would need to be cleaned prior to installation. Members agreed to test a 20 HP mower for pulling the drag at the ball diamonds, prior to purchase of a mower. In related discussion, the basketball program had gone well. A master calendar of planned activities could be printed and utilized in efforts to market Haven along with Website information. Registration for summer programs was scheduled for March 18. Charles Arndt moved to approve \$4,275.00 for the purchase of bleachers. Don Ford seconded, and motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:25 PM, Kathy Long moved for a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition. Jeff Stringer seconded. Motion passed. At 7:38 PM regular session resumed with no action taken.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen revisited with Council the option of purchasing a new trash truck, with the old unit used as trade-in. A 90-day lead-time for delivery was expected. Members briefly discussed cost comparison for contracting with Stutzman Disposal Refuse. Council generally agreed to have Allen gather information for bid specifications.

Electrical improvements at Haven Grade School and the Haven High School football field lights were scheduled for March 10.

Allen advised that his inventory of transformers was more than adequate.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Charles Arndt moved to amend the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting to reflect a public hearing for the sewer lagoon project. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion carried.

Members agreed to place an ad in the Mt. Hope Clarion for hiring a refuse hauler, as Employee Nathan Reed had resigned.

A public hearing was scheduled for February 18, to consider written or oral objections to the final assessment for street improvements primarily on E. 8th Street. The final cost per lot was \$4,733.76, which could be paid up front or added to property taxes.

City Administrator Allen Blake requested \$1,850 for the purchase of two taser guns for the police department. Members discussed the option of sharing one weapon among the three officers. Don Ford moved to approve the purchase as requested. Kathy Long seconded, and motion carried.

The Capital Improvement Committee had met on January 28th with good ideas resulting. Council suggested public input for improvements possibly through the Haven PRIDE Newsletter and Channel 15.

Allen advised that he was still negotiating with vendors on the city's requirements for a good base map for tracking utilities.

Council was provided specifications on a submersible versus turbine pump for a new water well. The cost to update a 2005 water improvement report was estimated at \$4,500, a document needed to apply for a state-revolving loan. The initial report indicated the need for valve replacement, a larger water tower, and a new water well. The option of blending water from multiple wells had also been considered.

MINUTES:

Charles Arndt moved to approve the January 21, 2008 minutes. After some discussion, the motion was amended to delete, "and the recent decision to offer the empty council seat to Paula Scott." Kathy Long seconded the motion, which passed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Bills and transfers totaling \$100,742.04 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Ford and a second by Stringer. Members were provided a summary comparing receipts between the Jayhawk and Quicken computer programs.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Members discussed the possibility of adding privacy fencing at 1st & Kansas Avenue to enhance the city's appearance.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45 PM Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded, and motion passed.