

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS

February 18, 2008

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

A public hearing was convened to discuss assessments for the 8th Street paving project. There was no public comment.

At 7:10 PM the regular session resumed and Charles Arndt moved to approve Ordinance #572 assessing the costs of street improvements as stated. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed four to zero.

Lisa Loeb, Director for RCAT, presented information on available transportation services between Haven and Hutchinson. A public meeting is scheduled for March 19th in the Haven City Council Chambers at 11:00 AM. The Council also suggested that RCAT meet with the Haven Visioning Committee, which also had expressed interest in public transportation solutions.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reviewed pricing and specifications from two vendors for a new trash truck. After lengthy discussion, Charles Arndt moved to accept the low bid of \$106,877, with trade-in, for the Sterling truck and Heil packer. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which carried with yes votes from Long, Arndt, and Scott, and a no vote from Ford.

Mayor Littlestar expressed concern that he had received a report that residents had tried to access the Senior Center during the power outage of February 5th, only to find the building was not open. The Center was opened shortly after 5:00 PM until electricity was restored. The Council suggested that a key to the Center be placed at the City Office to be used only when the building is needed as an emergency shelter.

City Administrator Allen Blake reviewed two proposals for mapping the City's electrical system. The benefits of utility mapping are to aid in repairs, document the existing system in case of a natural disaster and to help in planning for future expansion. Don Ford moved to accept the low bid offered by Olsson Associates through Kansas Power Pool at a cost of \$4,487.00. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Council also considered a proposal from AquaTech Engineering Consultants to update the 2005 engineering study of the water system at a cost of \$4,500. The information is needed to plan for repairs and improvements to the water utility and apply for State revolving loan financing. Charles Arndt moved to update the water system report as proposed. Kathy Long seconded and after additional discussion the motion passed four to zero.

The Council reviewed an ordinance allowing Sunday sales of liquor and cereal malt beverage. It was agreed to vote on the ordinance at the March 3rd meeting after obtaining public input on the issue. The proposed ordinance reads in part:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAVEN,
KANSAS:

SECTION ONE. That any retail sales establishment of alcoholic liquor operating within the corporate limits of the City, which is properly licensed by the state of Kansas, may sell at retail, within the limits and requirements of the state license, alcoholic liquor in the original package on any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 P.M. and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

SECTION TWO. That any retail sales establishment selling cereal malt beverage and operating within the corporate limits of the City, which is properly licensed by the City of Haven, may sell at retail, within the limits and requirements of the license, cereal malt beverage in the original package on any Sunday, except Easter, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 P.M. and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage and after its publication twice, one week apart, in the official City newspaper, and not earlier than sixty days after its last publication.

SECTION FOUR. This ordinance shall not become effective if a proper and timely petition is filed requesting a proposition be submitted to and approved by qualified voters pursuant to K.S.A. 41-2911.

The Council invites public comment on this issue.

The Council reviewed an ordinance authorizing a loan agreement with the State of Kansas to finance improvements at the waste treatment facility. After discussion, Don Ford moved to approve Ordinance #574 authorizing the loan agreement. Paula Scott seconded the motion, which carried with four yes votes.

At 9:48 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, specifically an applicant for the Refuse Driver/Hauler position. Kathy Long seconded, and a motion passed unanimously. At 10:03 PM, regular session resumed with the following action taken. Charles Arndt moved to allow the City Administrator to offer employment to an applicant at the rate of \$11:50 per hour. Paula Scott seconded, and the motion passed four to zero.

At 10:05 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 30-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter regarding employee Ryan McCrory. At 10:35 PM, regular session resumed, whereupon Kathy Long moved for another executive session until 10:51

PM for the same purpose. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion passed with four yes votes. At 10:51 PM, regular session resumed.

Minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Arndt and a second by Scott. Bills and transfers totaling \$56,086.81 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion by Scott and a second by Long.

The Council requested that the City Administrator review and update the City's substance abuse policy and employee handbook.

At 10:55 PM, Kathy Long moved for adjournment. Don Ford Seconded and the motion passed four to zero.