

News Release

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

Harland Priddle, Jennifer Vierthaler, and Jessica Hoskinson visited with the Council regarding the use of the old USD 312 district office at 308 E. 4<sup>th</sup> as a fitness center. Response from USD 312 has been favorable, however the school district would like to work with a specific person or entity. The Wellness Committee has considered forming a non-profit organization. They now believe they could accomplish the same goal by working under the City Parks and Recreation Commission. Their idea is to be an autonomous committee, administered by the Park & Rec Commission. The Council agreed to ask the Park & Rec Board and the Wellness Committee to attend the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion. Councilman Don Ford joined the meeting at 7:25 PM.

At the request of the applicant, Paula Scott moved to rescind a motion to hire Rachel Thalmann as assistant swim pool manager, and in her place hire Taia Cordell. Charles Arndt seconded the motion, which carried five to zero. After review of applications, Paula Scott moved to award a \$500 scholarship to Ashton Wendler. Jeff Stringer Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Charles Arndt moved to award a \$500 scholarship to Justin Simon. Kathy Long seconded and the motion carried with five yes votes.

City Administrator Allen Blake advised that Westar has postponed assessing a distribution facilities charge (DFC). Due to the work of Kansas Power Pool General Manager Colin Whitley, Westar discovered that they were using incorrect data in their formula to calculate the charge. As a result of this development, Paula Scott moved to rescind Resolution #206, passed by the Council on April 7, 2008, raising electric rates to compensate for the DFC. Charles Arndt seconded and the motion passed five to zero.

The Council asked the Blake to have some gravel applied to Silvers Street. The Council also asked to review the City's emergency preparedness plan. The Council discussed a grant program through the USDA Rural Development as an option for remodeling the old fire station for use by EMS. The Council requested that a list be available, at the City Office, of items that will not be accepted at the burn site or in the slide-off hoppers that the City provides at the burn site. The State licensed burn site is for limbs and brush only. The hoppers can not contain tires, paint, chemicals, palates, railroad ties, appliances that have contained refrigerant, construction debris or shingles. These are items that, either the landfill will not accept when mixed with household trash, or that fill up the hoppers too quickly and don't allow fair use by all citizens. The Council discussed options for recycling. Blake advised the Council that the City has received a permit to drill a new well on its property along Arlington Rd. east of Haven.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reported that water samples to test for nitrates had been taken and results are expected by May 5. Around 150 tons of asphalt millings have been sold. Regular maintenance on the swim pool has begun to include re-plumbing to repair leaks and change valves. A pressure washer to prepare the pool for painting and clean maintenance equipment has been ordered. The new trash truck chassis is to be delivered by the first week in May and the packer by June 1. The west end of the south library wall needs painting and the Council agreed to have maintenance personnel seal the

block prior to painting. The street sweeping contractor is scheduled to be in town April 22 and the Council discussed the economics of purchasing a good used sweeper rather than contracting the sweeping. The Council discussed several issues of park maintenance.

Charles Arndt moved to approve minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting. Kathy Long seconded, and the motion carried with yes votes from Long, Stringer, Arndt and Scott, and an abstention from Ford. Bills and transfers totaling \$107,840.92 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Scott and a second by Ford.

At 8:30 PM, Charles Arndt moved for a 5-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Kathy Long seconded and the motion passed five to zero. At 8:35 PM, regular session resumed with no action taken.

At 8:35 PM, Paula Scott moved for adjournment. Kathy long seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.