

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS
May 5, 2008

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, Don Ford and Paula Scott present.

Jennifer Vierthaler discussed with the Council the possibility of the City sponsoring the wellness center and placing the Wellness Committee under the Parks and Recreation Board. The Wellness Committee would remain autonomous and have their own budget. The Wellness committee and the Parks & Rec Board will work out the details. Two possible locations for the wellness center are being considered.

At the recommendation of the Mayor, Charles Arndt moved to appoint for one year Allen Blake as City Administrator and Police Chief, Larry Bolton as City Attorney, Stanley Juhnke as Municipal Court Judge, Gladys Dodds as Treasurer, and Cheryl Savaiano as City Clerk. Kathy Long seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen discussed several projects with the Council. A pressure washer has been purchased and is in use. A leaf blower has been purchased for use in the parks. Around 200 tons of asphalt millings have been sold. The rear south wall of the library is ready to be sealed, however repair to the roof may be needed first. Overtime may be needed to prepare the pool as the weather has been delaying work. A power pole was broken on May 1 and Andresen will purchase six for stock at a cost of around \$400 each. A used one-ton dump truck is available for bid, however the Council decided to delay purchase until next year's budget. Pot holes in the drive at Engweiler park need to be filled.

The Council agreed to evaluate admission rates for the swim pool once 2007 figures could be reviewed. The Administrator will also contact the pool manager regarding a swim schedule for summer school students.

City Administrator Allen Blake advised the Council that the City received the invoice for cash working capital for Kansas Power Pool (KPP). The amount, \$24,000, was less than expected and will be used by KPP to prepay contracts for cheaper energy. This is expected to reduce the energy adjustment charge for Haven customers this summer. Also, the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the Regional Transmission Organization overseeing power distributors like Westar and KPP, requires the City to sign an agreement guaranteeing payment of our portion of the KPP energy. The amount of the guarantee is \$10,000 and the agreement may be canceled with 60 days notice. No funds are required for the agreement. Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution #207 approving a guaranty agreement made by the City of Haven in favor of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Don Ford seconded the motion, which carried with five yes votes. In further discussion Arndt amended his motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the guaranty. Ford seconded and the motion passed five to zero.

Water samples taken for nitrate testing were favorable. Well #3 tested at 8.1 parts per million (ppm) and Well #7 tested at 5.3 ppm. This is consistent with last year's results and below the KDHE limit of 10 (ppm).

A lightening strike near the City Office on April 23rd damaged the power supply for the tornado sirens, two computers, one telephone and an Ethernet hub. Total expense was around \$800, which is below the \$1000 insurance deductible. At the same time, a sewer main on the east side of town had to be cleaned by a contractor with a high pressure cleaner. The line yielded a large amount of mud and arrangements will be made to do a video inspection of the line.

The Council reviewed the City Emergency Preparedness Assessment and made recommendations for including additional information. The Administrator advised the Council that the EMS remodeling project would not qualify for a grant from USDA Rural Development due to the average income level being too high in the City. Their loan program may not be advantageous either because it requires hiring an architect and prohibits volunteer labor. The Council agreed that planning the improvements with City funding and community volunteers may be more appropriate.

The Council reviewed an informational sheet for the City's state licensed burn site. The information will be made available at the City Office and includes hours of operation, regulations and items or materials that cannot be accepted. In answer to a question from the Council, correspondence from the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System stated that rehiring an employee for a limited time in order to establish vested status would be an attempt to circumvent state law.

Minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved, after a motion by Scott and a second by Long. Bills and transfers totaling \$220,568.21 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Scott and a second by Long. After review of correspondence, Paula Scott moved to accept the resignation of Kathy Long effective May 24, 2008 with appreciation for her service to the community. Charles Arndt seconded, and the motion carried five to zero. At 8:40 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Kathy Long seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.