

News Release

HAVEN CITY COUNCIL NEWS
July 7, 2008

Mayor Cody Littlestar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers with Council members Jeff Stringer, Don Ford and Paula Scott present. Amy Hirst took an oath of office as Council member, replacing outgoing member Kathy Long. Charles Arndt entered the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Harland Priddle reviewed a sample Neighborhood Revitalization plan that offers tax rebates for improvements on property. The goal is to encourage residential and commercial growth. Mr. Priddle also suggested an advisory board be formed to address economic development.

EMS Director Tony Troyer discussed at length his preference to remodel the existing ambulance facility rather than renovate the current fire station. This is due primarily to parking limitations and the height of the overhead doors not being sufficient for the antennas on the new ambulance. Troyer also discussed the cost of a new ambulance.

Jennifer Vierthaler briefly discussed the possibility of using either the fire station or EMS building as a community wellness center. Grant applications are on hold pending the acquisition of a site, although preliminary paperwork can be completed.

Maintenance Supervisor Allen Andresen reviewed pricing for street improvements on Kansas Avenue, East Main and East Second. Due to budget limitations, the Council decided to resurface the 100 block of South Kansas and East Main only, at a cost of \$111,945.65. Don Ford moved to accept the bid from APAC-Shears, Charles Arndt seconded, and the motion carried five to zero.

Andresen also updated the Council on other items. A street light pole is to be removed in front of the new fire station to make room for the drive. The men's restroom at the swimming pool was vandalized. Water service is to be interrupted for work on #4 well and a scheduled time will be published. The bucket and digger truck are to have their annual inspection on July 10.

Paula Scott left the meeting at 9:00 PM. The Council discussed the Paul Moore Estate. Members agreed to review figures at the July 21st meeting and employ the city attorney if needed.

The plans for the new wastewater treatment lagoon have not yet been approved. Engineer Harlan Foraker will check on the progress.

Charles Arndt moved to authorize the City Administrator to enter into agreement with M & M Handyman Service to remove and replace siding on the back of City Hall and

repaint at an estimated cost of \$358.39. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed with four yes votes.

At 9:35 PM Charles Arndt moved for a 15-minute executive session to discuss personnel issues, for the purpose of reviewing employee evaluations. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion carried four to zero. At 9:55 PM, regular session resumed.

Charles Arndt moved to approve Resolution No. 208 to raise the pay of Refuse Driver and Hauler Jared Batt to \$12.50 per hour for a 40-hour week, retroactive to June 6, 2008. Jeff Stringer seconded, and the motion carried four to zero.

Chief Allen Blake presented a proposed 2009 Police Dept. budget of \$170,938.00. Jeff Stringer moved to approve the proposal as presented. Don Ford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council was advised that a decision was forthcoming in the lawsuit regarding the setback variance granted at 501 E. 2nd. A district court judge will either issue a summary judgment or send the case to trial.

The Council was concerned that culverts under Haven Road are partially blocked and need to be cleaned out. The Administrator will advise the Maintenance Dept.

Minutes of the June 16, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved after a motion by Stringer and a second by Ford. Bills and transfers totaling 173,338.51 were unanimously approved for payment, after a motion by Ford and a second by Arndt. At 10:30 PM, Charles Arndt moved for adjournment. Jeff Stringer seconded and the motion passed four to zero.