

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2017

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2017 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Don Minor and council members Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, Linda Elliott, and Kim Byers. Also present were Russell & Diane Hyde and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and Mayor Minor opened with prayer. Kim Byers arrived during this time.

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed by council. Steve Nicholson motioned to accept the minutes as written and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for September was then reviewed. Katrina Hallman motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$15,004.33 for regular disbursements and \$108 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Steve Nicholson seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Mayor Minor stated he had visited the sewer lift station and updated the council on the pumps. The one functioning pump is working and the new one is on order.

Mayor Minor relayed a report about storm water draining issues at the south end of town and a subsequent snake infestation problem caused by this. The current cement culvert pad needs reworked to redirect water flow.

Amy Brown reported the dumpsters would be here this weekend for the semiannual town cleanup.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Kim Byers had no ordinances for review. Kim reported the process was labor intensive and asked for suggestions on how to do this better. Mayor Minor reported he had access to a qPDF scanner that would enable the process of digitizing faster.

2. Council reviewed the quote from JCI for the new sewer pump and two amortization schedules with differing loan term lengths from the bank. Discussion was held. Katrina Hallman

inquired about any penalties for early loan payoff. This will be verified before finalization. Kim Byers suggested terms include any potential overpayment be designated toward principal.

3. Council reviewed the sealed bid received for the 1989 Ford F350. Kim Byers inquired how much the truck could possibly be scrapped for. Discussion was held concerning the fact it was decided the truck was to be sold by the sealed bid process and that the truck had been advertised for sale by sealed bid for over a month with no reserve price stated. Steve Nicholson motioned to accept the bid and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

4. Mayor Minor reported the tree on the fence of the Cook property had been removed without incident.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Mayor Minor reported the old café property had sold and also that he had spoken with the new owner and the intention was to open a barber shop. Kim Byers inquired if the city did anything for new businesses as far as incentives or advertising. Discussion was held regarding the existing businesses in town and any potential inadvertent conflict. Kim Byers suggested a welcoming notation on the monthly bills for new businesses. The clerk suggested perhaps any new business owner should attend a council meeting before

this procedure is implemented. Linda Elliott suggested listing all South Haven business on the city website.

Linda Elliott recommended the city look into an animal neglect ordinance. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the definite need for this due to the lack of enforcement from outside sources due to city incorporation. Also discussed were past issues of possible animal neglect and the lack of sufficient holding facilities & city staff to accommodate any potential

enforcement of any future ordinance. The clerk will inquire from surrounding towns and humane societies their policies.

Mayor Minor reported being contacted by Progressive Ag. Coop. and the possibility of the facility relocating and a subsequent inquiry about the availability of possible water service north of town past the city limits. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the feasibility and the responsibility of costs associated with this.

There being no further business, Steve Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Linda Elliott seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Donald R. Minor, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk

