

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2016

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2016 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Don Minor and council members Katrina Hallman, Diana Locke, Steve Nicholson, Kim Byers (arriving at 6:38pm), and Linda Elliott (arriving at 7:04pm). Also present were Russell Hyde, Seth Brown, City Maintenance Thomas Bacon, and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm and Mayor Minor opened with prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed by council. Katrina Hallman motioned to accept the minutes as written and Diana Locke seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for November was then reviewed by council. Diana Locke motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$9,823.42 for regular disbursements. Katrina Hallman seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Minor inquired if Mr. Hyde had any patron input. Mr. Hyde stated he was attending to observe.

Thomas Bacon reported the two alleys in need of gravel bound by Main/Fredrick and Camp/Wallace & Main/Fredrick and Baird/Stuart streets had been taken care of. Thomas also reported that he had ordered chlorinator parts to replace stock to have on hand.

Kim Byers arrived at this time. Diana Locke inquired about if Wheatland was dispersing the wood chips throughout the burn pile. Thomas stated he would distribute them throughout the pile when the fire department burned.

Diana Locke inquired about the athletic recognition signs at the approaches into town and if the city or the school had purchased them. The school was the owner of the signs. Diana reported the one at the south end of town looked like it had been hit.

Thomas reported the engine braking prohibited sign had been installed west of town. Discussion was held concerning the possible need for one east of town, but that area of the highway is not in the city limits. Discussion was held on the increased KDOT presence in town lately.

Amy Brown reported Ranson Financial would be at the February meeting council to present findings on whether it would be beneficial to refinance the 2008 general obligation bonds. Mayor Minor reported there would be no fee from Ranson if the city decided not to pursue the refinancing.

Old business: 1.) Mayor Minor reported the signs for the burn pile and bulk water were on order. 2.) Kim Byers reported she did not have any ordinances for review this month and would copy some after the meeting for next month's review. 3.) Russell Hyde inquired about culvert work at Hunter & Main streets noted in previous minutes. Thomas Bacon reported that work was done on the west side of the intersection. Mr. Hyde stated he was inquiring because he had noticed a smaller culvert and grate on the west side. Thomas explained the purpose of the smaller culvert on his property and the grate was to divert water near the rock pile. 4.) Diana Locke inquired about the responsibility of the broken water line in October. Thomas

explained it was just a service line to a meter that was damaged when Wheatland installed the tie-down line for a new pole. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

New business: 1.) Ordinance No. 315, an ordinance increasing the rates charged for refuse collection and disposal, was reviewed by council. Kim Byers questioned the amount of the increased rate. The rate will increase by 2% effective with the January billing statements, which works out to less than one dollar per month for most customers. 2.) Mayor Minor reported on a grant applied for in conjunction with the school to enhance the school's summer and after-school meal program. Kim Byers inquired about details of the program. Mayor Minor explained he had been approached by Superintendent Archer; the National League of Cities CHAMPS (Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs) grant paperwork had to be initiated by the city, but the school would continue to administrate the program. If awarded, there would be no matching funds required on behalf of the city.

At 6:57pm, Steve Nicholson motioned for council to go into executive session for discussion of non-elected personnel for no more than ten minutes. Diana Locke seconded and the council vote passed unanimously. Russell Hyde, Seth Brown, Thomas Bacon, and Amy Brown left the room. At 7:04pm, council reconvened in open session. Linda Elliott arrived at this time. Mayor Minor reported council consented to give year-end bonuses to the fire chief, city maintenance, and city clerk. Steve Nicholson motioned and Diana Locke seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding dates of debt payoff. The tractor will be paid off 4/2018, the Series 2004 bonds will be paid off 9/2019, and the Series 2008 bonds in 2048.

There being no further business, Diana Locke motioned to adjourn the meeting and Linda Elliott seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Donald R. Minor, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

