

## SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2016

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2016 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Don Minor and council members Linda Elliott, Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, and Kim Byers. Diana Locke was absent. Also present were City Maintenance Thomas Bacon and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Mayor Minor opened with prayer.

The minutes of both the January regular meeting and January 18 special session were reviewed by council. Linda Elliott motioned to accept the regular minutes as written and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Linda Elliott motioned to accept the special session minutes and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for January was then reviewed. Linda Elliott motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,208.48 and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

Thomas Bacon reported two water leaks. One was a main break in the northwest part of town; the same type of joint break as the one last month. The other was a break in a meter on the city side. Thomas relayed complaints about certain roadways, inquired about the amount of money in the road fund, and reported that the township had mistakenly dumped a load of gravel on Stuart street. Kim Byers stated she was still waiting to hear back from the wind farm company about a possible gravel donation. Thomas also reported he purchased a small heater for the water tower box to hopefully circumvent the call system from freezing up anymore.

Mayor Minor asked for more information about the KaBoom playground grant from Kim Byers, specifically the type of equipment, as the proposed items noted in the letter of intent would most likely not be well-suited for the playground. Kim stated she was applying for a larger, permanently affixed unit, and that the intent letter was the same for all grants.

Kim Byers inquired if ownership of the old hotel was known. Mayor Minor reported no. Discussion was held regarding how to find out this information.

Steve Nicholson asked of Kim Byers if she had reviewed any ordinances. She stated she had not been able to, but was going to copy a few after the meeting.

Mayor Minor revisited the topic of increasing the city administrative trash fee to be competitive with surrounding communities and as a way to supplement funds. Lengthy discussion was held. Linda Elliott motioned to increase the trash fee \$5 per month, effective with the April bills. Steve Nicholson seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Minor reported the fire department tanker truck was in for repairs as the pump had gone out.

Kim Byers stated she had nothing new to report on the right-of-way clarification concerning sign placement of the proposed 'Welcome to South Haven' sign(s).

Steve Nicholson motioned to purchase a load of gravel for the alley between Wichita & Cheyenne streets bordered by Clyde & Hunter streets. Linda Elliott seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Katrina Hallman motioned for council to go into executive session for no more than ten minutes for discussion of non-elected personnel. Kim Byers seconded and the council vote passed unanimously. Thomas Bacon and Amy Brown left the room at this time. Council reconvened in open session at 7:03 p.m.

There being no further business, Steve Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

