

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 3, 2017

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Don Minor and council members Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, Diana Locke, and Kim Byers. Linda Elliott was absent. Also present were Russell & Diane Hyde, City Maintenance Thomas Bacon, and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and Mayor Minor opened with prayer.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by council. Steve Nicholson motioned to accept the minutes as written and Diana Locke seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for March was then reviewed. Steve Nicholson motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$10,913.49 for regular disbursements and \$685.66 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Katrina Hallman seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Minor asked if there was any patron input. There was none.

Thomas Bacon informed council of a lightning strike to the water tower during a recent storm the week before and explained the extent of the damage to the water tower relay control boxes on the tower and in the city building. The system is currently being run manually. Thomas explained the company that originally installed the system was now out of business. He had made contact with a telemetry company called Comm-Tronix at the KRWA water conference the week before and they were supposed to have come down today for an estimate, but had not shown up.

Thomas reported he had spoken with a KDOT official and the state doesn't sell the asphalt millings. The Cedar Vale rock quarry doesn't carry the product either.

Thomas also reported that the possible KDOT grant he had spoke of last month for a solar powered radar speed sign was actually an oil company donation in the Harper/Anthony area. There was no state grant available. Thomas reported the signs cost around \$3,000.

Discussion was held concerning culvert work which has been postponed temporarily due to the difficulty in finding an available backhoe operator.

Thomas reported he had ordered letters for signage at the burn pile stating that a permit is required.

Thomas also reported he had not been able to mow and spray as normal due to the recent rains.

Steve Nicholson inquired about insurance claim coverage for the damage caused by the lightning strike. The policy has a \$1,000 deductible and the insurance company has already been informed of a possible claim pending estimates and assessing the extent of the damage.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Minor reported all old items of business had already been

spoken about. Kim Byers had no ordinances for review this month and was working on indexing them.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding the damage caused by the lightning strike to the water tower. Thomas reported he had an appointment scheduled with Comm-Tronix in the morning for an estimate. If repair estimates come in less than the deductible then there is no need for an insurance claim. If repair is not an option and a new telemetry system is needed, then a claim will have to be made. Discussion was held concerning the ultimate price threshold, but consensus was if the system needed replaced there was no other option, it had to be fixed. Kim Byers inquired about what other city property was vulnerable to lightning strikes besides the water tower. The tornado siren is also vulnerable. Kim Byers also inquired about obtaining another damage estimate from another company.

Steve Nicholson inquired about the salvageable contents of the condemned property contracted for demolition and method of demolition and removal.

Kim Byers inquired about trapping cats. The city does have two cat traps that are loaned out at property owner request, but the city cannot place traps on private property without landowner permission.

Dumpsters will be coming the second weekend in May for the biannual town cleanup opportunity provided with the trash contract.

There being no further business, Steve Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Diana Locke seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

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Donald R. Minor, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk