

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2016

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2016 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Don Minor and all council members: Steve Nicholson, Linda Elliott, Katrina Hallman, Kim Byers, and Diana Locke. Also present were Seth Brown, 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 April meeting were reviewed by council. Steve Nicholson motioned to approve the minutes as written and Linda Elliott seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

The list of disbursements for April was then reviewed. Steve Nicholson motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$25,858.72 for regular disbursements and \$3,037.61 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Katrina Hallman seconded and the council vote passed unanimously. Kim Byers requested clarification on what the city pays to Sumner-Cowley Electric (electricity at the wells). Katrina Hallman inquired if there had been any reaction on the increase in trash rate. There has not been so far.

Thomas Bacon reported he had put the mower back together and that there were some added expenses of bearings and blades. Thomas also reported repeated troubles with one of the lift station sensors; the same pump that had impeller problems previously. He stated he takes it apart and cleans it when this happens, but wanted council to be aware. Kim Byers inquired about the dehumidifiers for the well houses. Thomas replied they were on order. Thomas suggested the city change out door locks due to recent personnel changes and requested all padlocks be keyed the same for ease of use. Kim Byers questioned why the change of door locks. Thomas reported he was suspicious of bulk water theft. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the video surveillance system and the need to upgrade. Thomas will check prices. Thomas also reported he had made inquiries with the state and federal surplus property programs with regard to a natural gas auto-start generator as backup in case of electrical outage to run the tornado siren.

Kim Byers inquired about any out of range water samples. Thomas replied that the city was compliant with all state regulations with regard to water testing. Kim also inquired about yellow paint for curbs. Thomas stated he had three or four gallons and brushes purchased for a community project that never occurred. Kim also inquired about the cleaning out of culverts. Thomas stated he cleans them out regularly at intersections. Kim questioned the cement ones at the corner of Main and Stuart. Thomas stated the only one with a problem at times is the one south of the station after heavy rain. Discussion proceeded to street sweeping. Thomas stated the county will bring the street sweeper once per year, but last year when it was requested the unit was inoperable, possibly contributing to the flow problem currently being experienced.

Old business: Kim Byers suggested sending letters to owners of properties in need of cleanup due to safety concerns. Discussion was held concerning properties already deemed

condemned and the legality of content dispersal with regard to recyclable materials. Mayor Minor stated he would talk with Waste Connections regarding rates of demolition hauling.

Kim Byers motioned to send letters to registered landowners needing to clean up properties not currently on the demolition list, namely the trailer park. Kim perused the ordinance book for clarification and possible violations. Very lengthy discussion was held concerning the effectiveness of a letter due to the longevity of other properties already deemed unsafe. It was decided to table the issue until legal advice could be sought.

Kim Byers reported discussion with county emergency management with regard to a generator for possible loan during storm season, but there was no extra currently available. Kim stated the director thought the current city siren had had a battery backup system when it was in operation in Derby. Thomas reiterated that he had inquired about a generator from federal surplus property.

Katrina Hallman motioned to replace all door locks and for new padlocks to be keyed the same. Steve Nicholson seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning city building security with regard to accessibility for firefighters in case of power outage. It was the consensus of council to purchase a deadbolt combination lock for access to the city building. Diana Locke motioned and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

Kim Byers inquired about posting the ordinances she had scanned to the city website. Discussion was held concerning the most efficient manner for doing so.

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 7:55pm.

Donald R. Minor, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk