

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2017

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

The minutes of the August 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 August was then reviewed. Katrina Hallman motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$18,272.07 for regular disbursements and \$4,445.60 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Diana Locke seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Bobby Cook was present to discuss multiple issues: (1.) Mr. Cook stated that the city had yet to remove the tree from his fence as was previously agreed upon so he could clean up the fenced-in portion of his yard in town. (2.) Mr. Cook contested mowing charges; claiming his properties were mowed before they needed to be. Mr. Cook stated he wanted the mowing to stop and questioned the ordinance. (3.) Mr. Cook inquired about the removal of fence posts at one of his properties, accusing the city or the mayor of doing so. (4.) Mr. Cook claimed that numerous people were interested in purchasing his properties. Mr. Cook brought up the issue again of property lines and rights-of-way, claiming that trees in the utility right-of-way were owned by the city. (5.) Mr. Cook demanded that sewer be extended to his property, claiming that the city was obligated to do so. Mr. Cook referenced conversations pertaining to sewer and water service with previous mayors and council members from decades ago. Mr. Cook left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Mayor Minor updated the council on the sewer pump problems. The new pump has been ordered. JCI has been down and Thomas has also had multiple troubleshooting conversations with

order but he has been down and Thomas has also had multiple discussions with them since the last meeting. It was determined that the electrical motherboard was malfunctioning and a new one was installed, but it also malfunctioned. It was determined this was due to the fact

there was only one pump currently running, so it was rewired until the new pump comes in. Steve Nicholson inquired about the bank interest rate on a loan. The clerk reported around 5%. Mayor Minor inquired about possibly adding on to an existing loan, but this would not be accordant with auditing processes. Steve Nicholson asked when the new pump was expected to be in (approximately ten weeks) and suggested getting the loan process started so everything is in place when the pump arrives, but the final price estimate will need to be obtained first. Discussion was held concerning the approximated final amount and loan term length. The clerk will ask for more than one amortization schedule with differing term lengths.

Katrina Hallman relayed a patron complaint about the keeping of large animals in town and the abundance of flies due to this. Discussion was held about the current animal ordinance, which only prohibits swine, but all harbored animals must be kept confined to the property. Discussion was held regarding possibly changing the animal ordinance, but no action was taken. The clerk will look through the ordinance book to determine if this issue would be deemed unsanitary.

Discussion was held again regarding the tree issue with Bobby Cook. Since a verbal agreement had previously been noted, the city will pull the tree off the fence. Discussion was held regarding Thomas Bacon's concern with the already poor structural integrity of the fence.

It was reported the recycle bin was full. Discussion was held concerning the frequency with which it is needing dumped lately since Caldwell's recycling center had closed. Discussion was held regarding obtaining another one, but there would be a two to three hundred dollar charge each time

a potential second one was dumped. The trash company provides the one recycling dumpster as a free service. The clerk was instructed to inquire if Waste Connections would change out the recycle bin on a set schedule instead of waiting to be notified when it was full.

Regarding the city lots where the recycle bin is at, Mayor Minor reported there may be an interested party wanting to put a business in there.

There being no further business, Diana Locke motioned to adjourn the meeting and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Donald R. Minor, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk

