

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2020

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2020 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Kim Byers and all council members: Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, Seth Brown, Linda Elliott, and Emily Harding. Also present were Ann Minor, Russell & Diane Hyde, Brock Byers, Deena Byers, Jeremy Goeckel, City Maintenance Thomas Bacon, Fire Chief Garratt Locke, and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and Mayor Byers opened with prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting prepared by Mayor Byers were reviewed by council. Discussion was held concerning approval of the minutes since they were not prepared by the clerk. The clerk's minutes were then reviewed. Steve Nicholson motioned to approve the minutes written by the clerk and Emily Harding seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding proceeding with the new minute format. The list of disbursements for February was then reviewed by council. Seth Brown motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$13,045.04 for regular disbursements and \$500 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Steve Nicholson seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

PATRON INPUT. Deena Byers inquired about putting a library survey in the city bills this month and council consented.

Thomas Bacon reported the ten loads of gravel were down, the sewer pumps were running smooth, and receiving complaints on the burn pile. Thomas also reported that KDOT had pushed back the sidewalk crossing project. Discussion was held regarding the price of grass seed for the motel lots. The matter was tabled.

Garratt Locke reported that ISO would be conducting a formal audit later in the month. Garratt also inquired about inserting a flyer in the city bills for the annual fire department fundraiser. Council consented.

Katrina Hallman asked when the dumpsters were scheduled in the spring.
OLD BUSINESS.

Burn pile. Mayor Byers reported contacting the company and was told the earliest they could chip the pile would be June. Katrina Hallman motioned to burn the pile and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Chief Locke will determine when to burn.

Motel demolition. The donated funds have not been deposited yet due to the fact that not all bills had been received. The grant has not been closed out yet, so donations are still being accepted.

Utility policy. Council members Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, Linda Elliott, and Emily Harding all provided suggestions for revisions for the working draft of the policy. The revised draft will be revisited at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

Gravel. Steve Nicholson motioned to purchase six loads of gravel and Seth Brown seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Thomas will prioritize what streets and alleys need done next and what type of gravel to use.

Resolution No. 3-2020, a resolution pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16128 wherein the city council rejects the appointment by the mayor for a city office, was reviewed by council. Katrina Hallman motioned to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020 and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. Katrina Hallman suggested the city consider adopting a charter ordinance to make the clerk's position a non-appointed position. Mayor Byers stated she would be conducting interviews for the clerk position and that the current clerk could apply.

Katrina Hallman suggested a formal contract be drawn up with the new city attorney.

Discussion was held concerning possibly moving the council meeting site and any possible legalities involved.

Discussion was held regarding a possible new fire station at the motel lots or expanding the current building.

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 7:42pm.

Kim Byers, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

