

**CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN, KANSAS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**November 17th, 2020 6:30pm**

The South Haven City Council met on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the City Hall.

**Council Members Present:** Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, Seth Brown, and Emily Harding

**Others Present:** Casey Mraz (City Clerk), Diane Hyde

Councilmember Steve Nicholson called the meeting to order to discuss the approval of purchasing 14 new Christmas decorations for the city in the amount of \$5,980.00.

Steve Nicholson read the letter from KanOkla regarding that this is a full donation and that it would not be the taxpayer's money. See below:

Hi Steve,  
Since 2006, KanOkla has not been allowed to pay property taxes on new plant investment. Since most of our equipment was grandfathered in, it wasn't noticeable to our cities and schools until we built our new fiber infrastructure in our member areas from 2010 to 2015. When we put the new fiber in place, we had to retire or abandon the old lines. Once those came off the books, the grandfathered value went to very little. Instead of fighting the Department of Revenue any longer on allowing us to pay property taxes to help our small communities, we found a 1969 statute with the State of Kansas that will allow us to give a donation instead. It is not based on taxable property today, instead it is an overall round number donation that was spread over our member communities, schools, and hospital in the south half of Sumner County (South Haven, Caldwell, Geuda Springs, Mayfield, Hunnewell). You will receive this donation amount every October for five years. At that time, we will review the contract and either keep it the same or make an adjustment. It will be up to the board of directors.  
Have a great rest of your day!  
Jill Kuehny  
KanOkla Networks



**MOTION:** Katrina Hallman Second: Seth Brown to approve the purchase of new Christmas decorations in the amount of \$5,980.00. **MOTION:** Passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Emily Harding, second Katrina Hallman to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:37pm.

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Mayor (Kim Byers)

Councilmembers

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