

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2019 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Diana Locke and council members Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, and Linda Elliott. Emily Harding and Kim Byers were absent. Also present were Pam Schneider, Seth Brown, City Maintenance Thomas Bacon, and City Clerk Amy Brown. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Locke and Steve Nicholson opened with prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed by council. Katrina Hallman noted a change needed to the second to last paragraph of the minutes referencing a piece of tin that had become unattached from the structure between the old hotel and Muffin Top Bakery which was noted as falling off the old hotel onto the roof of the structure. Steve Nicholson motioned to approve the minutes with the noted change and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for February was then reviewed by council. Katrina Hallman motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$14,189.40 for regular disbursements and \$948.00 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Linda Elliott seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

There was no patron input.

Thomas Bacon reported on the following:

- Last month had installed a new chlorine injector pump at one of the well houses.
- This month had replaced a bad o-ring on one of the school meters and the revelation upon discussion with the supply company that stainless steel bolts were not used.
- The tornado siren had not been working for several months, reporting the electric over-magnetic switch had been replaced, but the siren was still not functioning. Thomas then contacted Midwest Electric who had referred a technician specializing in such matters, who had determined the problem was within the siren. Thomas contacted Wheatland Electric who graciously pulled the siren from the pole. Thomas determined the impeller was seized to the housing due to oxidation from not being exercised monthly due to being inoperable.
- Had ordered water meters for replacements and to have stock on hand. Discussion was held regarding the ten-year life expectancy of the meters and also the state mandate from having to switch from brass to plastic. Thomas brought in examples of each meter for council to see.
- Reported on the master meters flashing low battery lights and discussion again of the ten-year life expectancy. Thomas reported the registers could be replaced (not the entire meters) for approximately \$300 each. For a whole meter replacement would be approximately \$800.

There was no update on any of the condemned properties nor was there any contact from any of the property owners.

Mayor Locke reported she had not yet had the opportunity to speak with the city attorney regarding advisement on the horse citation issue, but had spoken with the city judge after her conversation with the horse owner. Mayor Locke also reported speaking with the Sumner County Sheriff's Department, reporting an officer could accompany a city official that served a ticket if requested. Mayor Locke also reported that jail fees were \$35 per day and discussion was held regarding issuing an arrest warrant. Discussion was also held concerning judge mandated repercussions associated with non-payment of citations. Council discussed the issuance of further tickets if need be. Mayor Locke

reported she would try to make an appointment with the city attorney during spring break to speak with him in person concerning the matter.

The current animal ordinance was reviewed and discussion was held regarding amending the current ordinance to include provisions for large animals on less than one acre. Further discussion was held concerning the possible scenario of fenced area versus total owned land area where a large animal is confined to a smaller area within one acre of land. Council consensus was the confinement area needs to be one acre. Discussion was held regarding where large animals were to be excluded (the Main street corridor) and what specifically is defined as a large animal, including provisions for show animals between the 4-H pig sale and up to and including during fair time (excluding swine).

Steve Nicholson inquired about gravel for the roads. Thomas Bacon reported there was still one more load of rock yet to be delivered from a previous council approval.

NEW BUSINESS. Mayor Locke reported she would not be able to attend the regularly scheduled council meeting in April and asked to reschedule. After discussion, it was decided to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, April 2. Notice of the meeting date change will be made available on the city website as well as posted at the city building.

Katrina Hallman motioned to purchase the master meter registers and Linda Elliott seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming fall elections and seats open. This year there will be two open four-year council seats and the two-year position of mayor. The filing deadline is noon on June 3, 2019 for the November election.

There being no further business, Linda Elliott motioned to adjourn the meeting and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Diana Locke, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk