

SOUTH HAVEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2018

The South Haven City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018 at City Hall. Present were Mayor Diana Locke and council members Steve Nicholson, Katrina Hallman, and Emily Harding. Council members Linda Elliott and Kim Byers were absent. Also present were Russell Hyde, Seth Brown, City Maintenance Thomas Bacon, and City Clerk Amy Brown. Mayor Locke called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and Steve Nicholson opened with prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed by council. Katrina Hallman motioned to accept the minutes as written and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed unanimously. The list of disbursements for February was then reviewed. Steve Nicholson motioned to pay the bills in the amounts of \$13,804.07 for regular disbursements and \$948.00 for fire department donation fund disbursements. Emily Harding seconded and the council vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Locke asked if there was any patron input; there was none.

Thomas Bacon reported on the sewer pumps. The new pump had only malfunctioned once since the last meeting. Thomas has been in contact with JCI and reported they are at a loss as to what is causing the malfunction. The company representative stated the engineer would be consulted. Mayor Locke reported that payment is still being withheld on the outstanding service call bills until this matter has been resolved.

Katrina Hallman commented on the new culvert installed at the 200 block of south Cheyenne. Thomas reported a layer of gravel was put over the area but would wait a while before more was put down to allow for settling.

Discussion was held regarding the condemnation proceedings. Mayor Locke updated the council while photographs of the properties were reviewed. Pictures of four other properties of two owners from the last round of condemnation were also reviewed; two that were previously condemned and two that were taken off the past list due to progress being made that has since stalled. Only one new property of the four discussed at the last meeting could be pursued without hindrance. One has a transfer of ownership issue and two have issues with past due property taxes. Katrina Hallman mentioned another property that should be considered for condemnation. It was decided to table pursuing discussion of the condemnation proceedings until the June meeting.

Council reviewed the draft of the city donation policy discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Locke informed the council that the draft of the policy had been approved by council last year when presented, but no formal copy had been offered as noted; along with the need for a corresponding legal resolution. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the need to simplify the draft of the policy and the need for modification before approval with resolution, as some items in the draft need to be omitted due to inapplicability and/or revised.

Resolution No. 2-2018, a resolution authorizing the execution the lease-purchase agreement with the Bank of Commerce & Trust Company for the purchase of the new sewer pump was reviewed by council. The resolution noted the agreement number and terms.

Katrina Hallman motioned to approve the resolution and Steve Nicholson seconded. The council vote passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Emily Harding motioned to adjourn the meeting and Katrina Hallman seconded. The council vote passed all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Diana Locke, Mayor

Amy Brown, City Clerk