

CITY OF HAVILAND
Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 14th, 2021
Community Room –7:00 p.m.

I: Call Meeting To Order

The Haviland City Council met in regular session in the Community Room. Mayor Aaron Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were: Steve Larsh, Kay Unruh and Sharon Howard & Bryce Kendall. Brooke Starnes was absent. Also present were Michelle Adams-City Clerk, Dan Woods-City Maintenance and Chay Howard – City Attorney.

II: Approval of June 9th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as written. Kay motioned to approve and Bryce seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

III: Presentation and Approval of Bills

Sharon motioned to approve the bills as presented. Kay seconded. Motion carried 4-0

IV: Financials

None given

V: Public

1a. Chief Robin Rose discussed wanting to sign a waiver to not take his pay until after is hip surgery and when he can return to active duty. Chief also mentioned that the fire department needs to update equipment and would like his pay to go towards replacing some of the equipment. It was determined that Chief Rose's forfeited pay would go into the general fund not a special fund. Council approved 4-0 to have Chay to write up a waiver to present at the next meeting.

b. Chief Rose also informed the council of an upcoming fundraiser on Sept 11th, 2021 for the fire department. The department wants to have a car show on Main St but will keep the road open to traffic. They are having a fish fry as well and are hoping to raise enough money for two scholarships and to purchase some much needed safety equipment for the fire department. Council Approved 4-0

2. Rusty Owens with Alliance Ag & Grain discussed updating the 5yr lease of the land near Hwy 54. Alliance Ag would like to continue to use the same section of property but instead of paying \$2500/yr. to lease the section of land they will continue to mow the whole section at their expense which is approximately \$2000./yr. The council agreed to have Chay write up a new lease to present at the next meeting.

IV: New Business

1. American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA)-The city will be receiving \$101,946.84 that will be disbursed into two payments. Half in July and the other half in a year.
2. Airport Lease-Aaron will to talk with Robert Eillis to find out why the City is paying for the use of the airport.
3. Aaron Koehn-City Accountant-Presented the City Budget for 2022. Aaron discussed having a Revenue Neutral Hearing or a Budget Hearing. The council agreed there is no reason to have a Revenue Neutral Hearing because they don't intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 56.036 mills. The council agreed to publish the budget 10 days before the next meeting on August 11th, and the budget hearing as well. We will then present the budget to the County Clerk on or before August 25th, 2021. A motion was made by Bryce and seconded by Kay. Motion carried 4-0.

VII Old Business

1. Waste Water Lagoon Project-No update given.
2. Code Enforcement
 - Joel Halverstadt is officially no longer employed by the city but attended the meeting so the council could thank him for his service
 - Aaron Stokes (acting CEO) presented a Nuisance Report from the McCloskey's. Chay recommends talking to both parties and collect information from both parties.
3. Maintenance Report-
 - Dan Woods discussed some mowing issues and wants clarity on who's mowing certain areas in town. Dan also wants approval to order more electronic meters for locations where meters are inside basements or garages. Council to decide on purchasing meters after next meter readings to be sure the issues of not reading have been fixed. Dan also received an estimate for boring the water line behind Lela's. Boring is preferred over digging because of the length of the line and the mess it would make. Sharon made a motion to approve the boring and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. City Communication-

- Michelle's working on getting the Newsletter out by the end of July - 1st of August.
- City to look into ordering a plaque for renaming the Pavilion to the Jay Jones Pavilion.


VIII Executive Session

Steve motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Session started at 9:38 and ended at 9:48. No action taken.

Kay motioned to go into a second session to continue the discussion on non-elected personnel. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Session started at 9:50 and ended at 10:00. No action taken.

VIII Adjournment

At 10:06 pm. Bryce motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.



Aaron Stokes, Mayor



Michelle Adams-City Clerk