

**CITY OF HAVILAND  
Council Minutes  
Special Meeting  
February 20, 2012  
Community Room – 7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The Haviland City Council met in special session with Mayor Robert Ellis calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ellis asked Robin Johnston to open the meeting with prayer. Council member present were: Don Chenoweth, Kay Unruh, Steve Larsh, Ed Davis, and Dwight Smitherman. Also present were Wes Jantz-City Superintendent, Shari McAfee-City Clerk, and the following members of the public: Robin Johnston, Elmer Davis, and Linda Simmons. Ted Schoonover and Troy Haefner, from Minnesota, were present representing a new industry coming to Greensburg.

**II. Housing Development Planning Group Report**

Mayor Ellis reported that an informal discussion was held with the HDPG on February 13. They are looking at property on east Sycamore owned by Maurice Chandler as a potential site for a sub-division. The main problem to this proposed site is the sewer. Smitherman stated that we need to get a professional opinion and topographical map to see if this property is even feasible.

Mayor Ellis asked Schoonover what his interest was in Haviland housing. Schoonover and Haefner are part of an investment group bringing in a new business to Greensburg, which will be called Greensburg Solar. There will be two solar plants, and there is a need for housing for the employees that will be coming to work at these plants.

Larsh reported that he had looked at properties in town. He has talked with:

- Adams Electric about electrical matters
- Attorney Steve Brown about the procedure for annexing property
- County appraiser about property tax – approximate tax on a 1,200 square foot home with a basement would be \$1,800.00
- Kansas Gas Co. – for every meter, 75' of the gas line would be free, if gas lines are established prior to any homes being built the cost has to be paid up front, they will work on a cost estimate.

McAfee shared that the issue of mineral rights needs to be addressed.

*Smitherman motioned to hire Jon Mansel of Mansel Construction to do a topographical map and address run-off issues and sewer drainage. Chenoweth seconded. Unanimous.* Larsh will contact Mansel.

Johnston shared that he is turning his double garage into two studio apartments. Davis suggested asking Phil Rush about selling his farmland just north of the City limits and east of Main St. Johnston left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

It was decided not to pursue the Gary Worden property at this time.

**III. Adjournment**

*At 8:08 p.m., Unruh motioned to adjourn the meeting. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.*

---

Robert Ellis, Mayor

---

Shari McAfee, City Clerk