

CITY OF HAVILAND
Council Minutes
January 2, 2012
Community Room – 7:00 p.m.

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Haviland City Council met in regular session with Mayor Robert Ellis calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ellis asked Chuck Townsend to open the meeting with prayer. Council members present were: Kay Unruh, Dwight Smitherman, Don Chenoweth, Ed Davis, and Steve Larsh. Also present were: Wes Jantz-City Superintendent, Shari McAfee-City Clerk, Chuck Townsend-Public, and Patrick Clement-Kiowa County Signal Editor.

II. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Smitherman motioned to approve the December 5 minutes as presented. Unruh seconded. Unanimous. It was noted that a report from McAfee about talking with the Kiowa County Judge regarding condemning properties and county tax sales was not on the agenda, as well as the report from Jantz regarding more active police patrolling. The McAfee report will be on the next agenda, and the Jantz report will be added to tonight's agenda. *Smitherman motioned to add under old business: 4. Housing Development Update; and 5. County Patrolling in Haviland. Davis seconded. Unanimous.*

III. Presentation and Approval of Bills

Chenoweth motioned to approve the bills as presented. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.

IV. Financials as of December 31, 2011

V. Presentation by the Public

1. Patrick Clement, new editor of The Kiowa County Signal shared his desire to include representation from the entire county in the weekly paper. He reported that about 1,500 individuals receive the paper and the website is visited from 10,000-15,000 times per month.

He expressed his interest in the county as a whole and has been working very hard to present news from the entire county in the paper. Mayor Ellis and the council expressed their thanks for the new changes that Clement has made and let him know that his efforts have been noticed and very much appreciated.

VI. Old Business

1. Ordinance Enforcement

- **Cats/Dogs** – What can the City do regarding the cat/dog problem? McAfee will talk with Judge Dixson about what we can legally do with the ordinances that are in place.

Smitherman stated that Mullinville is building a kennel and thought perhaps we could use theirs. Mayor Ellis will visit with Mullinville and Greensburg mayors, and see if there can be a solution within the county, as all three cities have the same problem.

2. **Water Systems** – McAfee reported that around 50 home systems have been installed. Smitherman reported that the guidelines have been received from the State for R/O systems and felt that we were in compliance with most everything. McAfee asked for a copy of the guidelines.

3. **Kiowa County Economic Development Meeting Report** – Mayor Ellis, Smitherman and Larsh attended the meeting. Larsh reported that he felt it was a good start and that

the main topic was how could we communicate better? Larsh thought it would be good if council meeting minutes for each city would be made available to all three cities. Smitherman stated that they discussed staggering meeting dates once or twice a year so that council members could visit other meetings. Mayor Ellis read his article for the newsletter, which included his thoughts about the KCED meeting. Regarding new

businesses, Mayor Ellis and Smitherman both stated that Haviland has loaned money for businesses that had viable business plans. Some have been paid off, and the others are current are on their payments. This was all done without grants or government funding, and has been very successful.

4. **Housing Development Update** – Larsh shared his thoughts on the housing development project. His suggestion was to appoint a housing development planning group to put together a plan. They would be given all information gathered to date and would have 90 days to formulate their ideas and report back to the council. The city could earmark a certain dollar amount toward the project. This group would be made up Individuals in the community (not council members). Larsh has one person that is interested, and asked the council to think about two others that could serve. Council agreed that this was a good idea and would like to meet before the next regular meeting to discuss this. *Larsh motioned to have a special meeting in two weeks on January 16 to discuss the housing development project and select a planning group. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.* Townsend left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.
5. **County Patrolling in Haviland** – Jantz reported that Brandon Hosheit couldn't enforce speed zones, because the pick-ups do not have radar. The county sheriff's department vehicles can enforce as well as the highway patrol. Jantz said that he will get signs for Maple Street that warn of the dip in the road, and hopefully this will slow down traffic on that street.

Mayor Ellis mentioned that when the street for the new development is done, that Maple Street should be replaced. Mayor Ellis further stated that he has been asked a number of times about paving, curbing and guttering all Haviland streets. McAfee was asked to put an article in the newsletter for feedback and interest from resident property owners.

Mayor Ellis also mentioned putting a valley at the intersection of Pratt and Poplar so that the runoff of water would go south on Pratt instead of east on Poplar. Todd and Sabrina Freeman continue to have a water problem when it rains.

VII. **New Business**

1. **Approve Judge, Accountant, Paper, Bank** – *Smitherman motioned to approve the following: Judge-Ann Dixson, Accountants-VonFeldt, Bauer, & VonFeldt, Newspaper-Kiowa County Signal, and Bank-Haviland State Bank for 2012. Unruh seconded. Unanimous.*
2. **Close Out Law Enforcement Fund to General Fund** – *Chenoweth motioned to close out and transfer the law enforcement fund (\$28,269.73) to the general fund. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*
3. **Holiday Meeting Changes** – McAfee reported that the only holiday in 2012, which would affect council meetings is Labor Day, September 3. *Smitherman motioned to change the September 3 meeting to Tuesday, September 4. Larsh seconded. Unanimous.*
4. **Should Council Change to 2 Meetings Per Month?** – Council discussed having two regular meetings per month, or just calling a special meeting when needed. It was decided to call special meetings as needed. The dog kennel situation and McAfee's report about her talk with Judge Dixson will be added to the agenda for the special meeting on January 16.
5. **Council Thoughts**
 - A. **McAfee - None**
 - B. **Chenoweth - None**
 - C. **Unruh - None**
 - D. **Larsh** – asked if Main St. is zoned? Mayor Ellis replied no, there is no zoning in Haviland. Larsh was concerned about the property at 116 N. Main.
 - E. **Davis – None**
 - F. **Jantz - None**
 - G. **Smitherman – None**
 - H. **Mayor Ellis - None**

VIII. Adjournment

Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Smitherman seconded. Unanimous.

Robert Ellis, Mayor

Shari McAfee, City Clerk