



CITY OF HAVEN

SEPTEMBER 2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- EMS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- COMMITTEE OPENINGS
- 2017 BUDGET ADOPTED
- PROGRESS ON ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Citywide

Garage Sales

Is your stuff gathered and priced? Citywide Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, October 1st. Call or email the City Office to get yours put on the map!

New EMS Facility



The new Haven Community EMS Building is taking shape! The Haven Chamber of Commerce hosted a construction ground-breaking ceremony on May 12, 2016. Crews are wrapping up the framing. Once that is complete, electricians and plumbers will come on-site to begin rough-ins while the roof and siding are installed. The target date for completion of the project is mid November, 2016. This long

awaited project is a combined effort of the city and the townships of Haven, Yoder, and Sumner. The city portion funding of this project is one half of the cost, through the .5% city sales tax. The collection of this tax is on schedule as estimated, with a projected repayment of the city portion in approximately five years. The city is currently working with the townships to finalize their repayment schedules.

Committee Openings

We are always looking for interested citizens to serve on various city boards and committees. We currently have openings on the Planning Commission. This is a great opportunity to give your time and talents to help Haven provide exceptional quality services to our citizens. If interested, please contact the city office.

Important Notice

Your health and safety are important to us! If you require electricity for medical reasons, please contact the City Office to get on our notification list. This will allow you, in the event of extended outages, to receive information directly from City Hall regarding outage length and / or shelter information, if necessary.

Progress Report on Electric Service

In line with the 2016 focus on electrical infrastructure, the City and Westar, as a partner, set goals to improve the reliability of the electrical system.

Westar committed to, by the end of 2016, rebuild the approximately 1 mile of 12 kV line along Lake Cable Road that feeds industrial park and to, by the end of 2018, rebuild the 69kV line between the Halstead and Burrton Substations. Additionally, Westar committed, by June 30, 2016, to upgrade the 69-12 kV transformer at Westar's Burrton Substation (TX-1) that serves the City of Haven. This was done and put in-service on April 22, 2016, and increased Burrton TX-1's capacity from 10 MVA to 25 MVA.

The City established three primary goals. The first was to establish a tree trimming schedule, which has been done. While Public Works trims trees as time allows, the City has hired Richardson Tree Service to put in a full week of tree trimming to make headway on the schedule. They are expected to start the first week of October. The

second goal was to schedule an assessment and arc hazard study of the electrical system. That assessment and study has been done, and the findings are expected to be released in mid-September. The final goal was to set up a mass notification system to pass information to customers in the event of an extended, widespread outage. This has been accomplished through a company called One Call Now. Chances are you are included on the notification list, but if you wish to verify your participation, please call the City Office at 620-465-3618 or send an email to utilityclerk@havencityhall.org.

2017 Budget and Mill Levy

The Haven City Council recently adopted the 2017 Budget with no increase to the mill levy. Although the overall city property valuation increased adding another \$16,500 to ad valorem tax, the 2017 budget is lean. Expenditures will be considered according to each department's and committee's

2017 priorities as listed in their proposals.

Police Officer Hired

On July 18, 2016, the City Council voted to hire Matt Hayden as Haven's third full-time police officer. Feel free to introduce yourself to him when you see him on patrol!

Sewer Project Complete

Nearly \$160,000 in upgrades to City sewer services have been made, including installation of two new pump stations, as well as a trash basket, hoist, and tripod. This will help to sustain services and make the units safer and easier to maintain for day-to-day operation. Also, automatic back-up generators have been installed at each station to prevent loss of sewer service during power outages.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep Haven a great place to live and work!

"The City of Haven serves its citizens and businesses by providing essential services; opportunities for quality family life; and progressive economic growth."



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