HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday August 9, 2021.

Mayor Roy Carman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Roy Carman led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Brad Cotten

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were, Warren Kuhn, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Rodney Lyman, Dallas Wright, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Jeff Harrison

Mayor Carman declared a quorum present. (7/8)

Others in attendance: Mayor Roy Carman, Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Public Works Director Paul Wright, Police Chief Mike Watson, and Fire Chief Brian Cotton.

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jamie and Ray Bennett, Ashlea Henson, Lee Carman, Mike Krebs, Quinn, Sharon and Maddie Best, Clyde Crookham, Jeff Ramsey, Danny and Cindy Blackburn, Lane King, Kim Sanford, Sandy Johnson, Nicole and Chris Horvath, Sarah Perry with the Saline Courier and Haskell Police Officers Brad Hicks, Chris Bunch and Tyce Thornhill.

Warren Kuhn made the motion to accept the July 6, 2021 meeting minutes.
Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **WATER/SEWER**
   - The report was given by Public Works Director Paul Wright, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

2. **STREETS**
   - The report was given by PW Director Paul Wright.

3. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Cotten presented a picture of the new ladder truck.

4. **POLICE**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Mike Watson, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Police Chief Mike Watson announced his retirement from law enforcement effective September 1, 2021.

5. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Mike Watson, a copy of which is filed with these minutes
6. **PLANNING**
   - There are no minutes to approve, NO QUORUM for August 3, 2021 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements.**
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made a motion to accept the Monthly Income and Expense statements for the month of July 2021. Warren Kuhn seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
2. **Police Vehicle Discussion**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the City Council that the discussion on purchasing new police vehicles would be tabled until budget time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Library partnership**
  - The City will partner with the Saline County Library in providing a place for free WiFi access to our citizens via the community center parking lot.
- **Parks grant update**
  - C/R/T Jennifer Hill gave an update regarding the current Parks Grant (Pavilion, Bleachers and concrete of batting cages).
- **Council Member Warren Kuhn announced that on September 18, 2021 all museums in Saline County will be open for Saline County Museum Day.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **- Mr. Quinn Best addressed the council regarding the matter of Officer Cooper.**
   - When the timer went off signaling the end of the three minutes allotted for public comment, Dallas Wright made a motion to extend the three minute rule. Greg Rogers seconded motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Mr. Best then addressed Chief Mike Watson regarding how he handled the matter of both Officers and the process of having said officers DECERTIFIED through standards.

- Brad Cotton made a motion to go into executive session regarding these personnel matters. Rodney Lyman seconded motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

*** Executive Session from 7:37pm to 7:43 pm. *****

- Once the meeting was back in session, Adam Ricketts made a motion to decertify Officer Keith Cooper. Rodney Lyman seconded motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
- Mr. Best then addressed C/R/T Jennifer Hill regarding the issue of an FOIA request.

2. Mr. Lane King addressed the boil order. He was assured the boil order was over.
3. Ms. Nicole Horvath addressed the council regarding her feelings towards the Police Department and the City administration.

There being no further comments or questions, Brad Cotten made the motion to adjourn. Warren Kuhn seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Roy Carman, Mayor