HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday July 11, 2022.

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

Mayor Roy Carman led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Jeff Harrison

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

Members not present: Rodney Lyman

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

Others in attendance: Mayor Roy Carman, Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Jeff Ramsey, Public Works Director Nancy Duren and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Richard Grimmett, Clyde Crookham, Paul Wright, Mike Krebs, Michael Austin, Laura Redfearn, and Jerry and Emaline Stroud.

Warren Kuhn made the motion to accept the June 13, 2022 council meeting minutes. Jeff Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **WATER/SEWER**
   - The report was given by Public Works Director Nancy Duren, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Lightning damage was found at the plants and some of the pump stations. Eagle Electric to install lightning protection.
2. **STREETS**
   - The report was given by Mayor Roy Carman.
   - Cranford Construction have finished the overlays for 2022.
   - Brad Cotten inquired about the tractor purchase. He was informed by Nancy Duren that it is still to be delivered.
3. **FIRE & RESCUE**

- The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

4. **POLICE**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Jeff Ramsey, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

5. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Jeff Ramsey, a copy of which is filed with these minutes

6. **PLANNING**
   - The minutes for the July 5, 2022 meeting was presented.
   - Warren Kuhn made the motion to approve the July 2022 planning commission minutes. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
7. **PARKS**
   - The minutes for the June 20, 2022 meeting was presented.
   - Jacob Warner made the motion to approve the June 2022 parks committee minutes. Warren Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **June 2022 Monthly Income and Expense Statements**
   - Jeff Harrison abstained from voting on the Income and Expense statements.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to have a roll call vote for approval of income and expense statements. Warren Kuhn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion and income and expense statements passed with 5 yays and 1 no vote. A roll call vote will be taken on this item from here on out.

2. **Ordinance 07-2022, An Ordinance increasing the water/sewer rates.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only. Warren Kuhn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 07-2022. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 08-2020 for the purpose of establishing 2022 rates for water and sewer service.
   - Warren Kuhn made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

- Warren Kuhn made the motion to accept/pass Ordinance 07-2022. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
- Warren Kuhn made the motion to pass the emergency clause. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

3. **Resolution 10-2022, A Resolution amending the employee handbook**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 10-2022. A resolution amending Resolution 05-2018 (Adopting the Employee Handbook) to amend certain portions of handbook and to amend Resolution 06-2022 to add compensation time.
   - Jeff Harrison inquired as to why the comp time wasn't started after the vote was taken from the Council at the June 2022 meeting. C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the council that the rules state that a Resolution must be in place beforehand.
   - Warren Kuhn made the motion to approve Resolution 10-2022. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

4. **Resolution 11-2022, A Resolution to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the County.**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the council regarding the agreement presented to the city by the County to share costs for the jail at a rate of $46.14 per day with a projected number of prisoner days at 500, meaning the city's share would be $23,070.00.
   - After a lengthy discussion, C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 11-2022. A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the Saline County detention center operational cost sharing agreement for the year 2023.
   - Warren Kuhn made the motion to accept/pass Resolution 11-2022. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yays and 1 nay.

5. **Act 605 required water board training**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the council that according to Act 605 of 2021, All water utility boards have to take a required 8 hours of training before the end of their term. The council is to get with Jennifer or Nancy to schedule training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **None**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Paul Wright wanted to address the concern of the 6mo vacation language of the employee handbook. Currently it states that if you work 6mo to a year then you get 5 days of vacation. With the new amendment that would cut the 6 months' vacation from some current employee. Mr. Wright was assured by the council that the current employees would not lose any time. All new hires will adhere to this ruling.**
- **Mr. Wright would also like for the employees to be notified of change in benefits before they are decided on. Warren Kuhn made the motion to amend Resolution 10-2022 to add the following : All employees will be notified of changes to the Employee handbook before changes are approved. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.**

There being no further comments or questions, Warren Kuhn made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

Roy Carman, Mayor