HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 12 , 2022

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday September 12, 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, Dallas Wright, Jeff Harrison, Rodney Lyman, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Warren Kuhn

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

Others in attendance: Mayor Roy Carman, Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Brad Hicks, Assistant Chief Bill Hutto, Public Works Director Nancy Duren and Fire Chief Brian Cotton.

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Emaline and Jerry Stroud, Jason Hill, Jonathon Hope, Michael Baker, Cindy and Jeff Holloway, Andrea Warner, Alicia Boykin, Mike Krebs, Clyde Crookham and Quinn Best.

Rodney Lyman made the motion to accept the August 8, 2022 council 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 Nancy Duren, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - The Force main project is near completion. All sewage is now being pumped to the North Plant.

2. **STREETS**
   - The report was given by Mayor Roy Carman.
   - There are some road cuts to be repaired.
3. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

- Chief Cotten exclaimed that the Fire Department had been awarded a $9,500.00 grant from FEMA for needed equipment.
- Chief Brian Cotten presented Michael Baker with a plaque for the most years of service at the Haskell Fire Department.

4. **POLICE**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Brad Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Hicks discussed the grant money opportunities he was pursuing for vehicles and much needed equipment. (Copy of grant proposal attached to minutes)
   - Council member Jeff Harrison raised the question of whether the Police officer body cameras are kept going continuously or are they manually turned on and off. Chief Hicks explained that the current cameras can last up to 5-8 hours on a single charge and that storage for the files will be an ongoing issue due to file size. The police department recently purchased enough body cameras for each officer.
   - Council member Brad Cotten inquired about the expiration date on the tactical vests worn for officer safety. Chief Hicks states that there are a couple that need to be replaced.
   - After a brief discussion, C/R/T Jennifer Hill recommended using funds from the general administration fund for the purchase of the vests and to use the equipment budget for extra cameras.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to purchase said equipment. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Chief Brad Hicks explained the process of reprimand for an officer in question now that the investigation has been completed. Officer DiCicco was demoted in rank and pay and was suspended. Mr. DiCicco will undergo an Officer Ethics course as well.

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

6. **PLANNING**
   - No September 2022 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense statements for August 2022.**
   - After a brief discussion, Jacob Warner made the motion to approve the August 2022 Income and Expense statements. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by a 6/6 vote, with Jeff Harrison abstaining from voting.

2. **Resolution 13-2022, A Resolution adopting a Budget Committee**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 13-2022.
   - Adam Rickets made a motion to approve/pass Resolution 13-2022. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a 7/7 yea vote.
   - The Council member appointed to said committee were Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers, Rodney Lyman and Dallas Wright.
   - A meeting will be announced at a later date.
3. **Resolution 14-2022, Amending the 2022 budget to allow for building**
   - The resolution is to purchase a building to house the new tractor and other equipment as needed.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 14-2022
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to accept/pass Resolution 14-2022. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with at 6/6 yea vote with Jacob Warner abstaining from voting.
4. **Home Consulting for South Haven Estates prelim plat approval**
   - The mayor recommended Mr. Hope come before the Council for plat approval.
   - Jeff Harrison exclaimed that this issue would need to be addressed by the Planning Commission with Brad Cotten stating that Council will support the Planning Commissions decisions.
   - Rodney Lyman inquired about the reason for the small lot size. Mr. Hope informed him that the number of houses needed for a fiscal stand point, requires smaller lot sizes.
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion for this item to go back before the Planning Commission for review and or approval. Brad Cotten seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
5. **Bid awarding for the Waterline Betterment Project.**
   - PWD Nancy Duren explained that three bids were placed for the Water line betterment project including:
     #1 NLS $ 362,893.00
     #2 Cisnerio's Family Construction $ 664,524.77
     #3 Diamond Construction $ 872,000.00
   - Nancy Duren explained the cost breakdown with the ARPA and Rineco funds.
   - Nancy recommended the council accept the bid from NLS.
   - Greg Roges inquired as to the difference in the bid amounts. He was assured that the difference was due to the city already obtaining all materials and NLS ready to proceed.
   - Brad Cotten inquired about any left over funds and did we have a plan for those. The mayor stated that if any funds were left over that he would recommend extending the water line from Grand to Hilltop and replacing the shut off valves in that area. A change order can be filed at time of service.
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to award the bid to NLS. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unimously by a 7/7 yea vote.

6. **Ordinance 09-2022, An ordinance vacating an un-constructed street.**
   - Ordinance 09-2022 is an ordinance vacating 9th street and all alleyways in block 61 of Old Town Haskell.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to have the first reading heading only. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by a 7/7 yea vote.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 09-2022
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously by 7/7 yea vote.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 09-2022. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a 7/7 yea vote.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to pass the Emergency clause of Ordinance 09-2022. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 7/7 yea vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **None**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Cindy Holloway expressed her concern for the lack of code enforcement in the city. Mrs. Holloway was informed that a new process for Code Enforcement violations would begin soon and that she should see a difference soon.**

There being no further comments or questions, Rodney Lyman made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Roy Carman, Mayor

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