HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday February 13, 2023.

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Jeff Harrison

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were, Brian Johnson, Dallas Wright, Jeff Harrison, Rodney Lyman, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.

Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (8/8)

Others in attendance: Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr., Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Brad Hicks, Public Works Director Nancy Duren, Fire Chief Brian Cotten and City Attorney Ashley Clancy.

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Emaline and Jerry Stroud, Chief Toby Morales and Officer Alex Finney from the Rockport Police Dept, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, Elisha Morrison with the Saline Courier, Warren Kuhn, Roy Carman, Jessica Burget, Quinn Best, Heath Bennett, Blake Martin, Richard Harkness and Officer Tim Howard.

Brad Cotten made the motion to accept the January 9, 2023 council meeting minutes. Rodney Lyman seconded motion. The Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **WATER/SEWER/STREETS**
   - The report was given by Public Works Director Nancy Duren, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Council Member Jeff Harrison inquired about how the North Plant was holding up with all this extra rain. PWD Nancy Duren assured him that it is operating well with some minor tweaks.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
3. **POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Brad Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

- Chief Brad Hicks informed the council that the department has received the grant funds in the amount of $100,000.00 and radios and radars have been ordered for this purpose.

4. **PLANNING**
   - No Planning meeting for January 2023
5. **PARKS**
   - Jessica Burget with the Haskell Youth Club discussed the updates to the ball park planned by the AR Travelers including:
     - Field and Dirt improvements
     - Assistance in lighting repairs
   - Council Member Brian Johnson inquired as to when these repairs would take place. Ms. Burget informed him that it would be soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for January 2023.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for were presented to the Council for approval. After a brief discussion Jacob Warner made a motion to accept/approve the Income and Expense statements for the month of January 2023. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7 with I abstain).
2. **Resolution 03-2023, A Resolution amending the 2022 budget to be in compliance.**
   - The heading of Resolution 03-2023 was read by Mayor Crookham
   - After a brief discussion, Jacob Warner made a motion to approve/pass Resolution 03-2023. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
3. **Resolution 04-2023, A Resolution authorizing the transfer of $270,000.00 from the Fire Sales Tax fund to 20 month CD with Farmers Bank & Trust.**
   - Chief Brian Cotten explained the need for this transaction in order to pay the balloon payment at the end of loan on the Fire Truck.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 04-2023.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 04-2023. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
4. **Ordinance 02-2023, An Ordinance adopting the 2021 AR Fire Prevention Code**
   - Fire Chief Brian Cotten explained the importance of updating our codes.
   - Rodney Lyman made the motion to have the first reading heading only. Dallas Wright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
   - - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 02-2023

- Jeff Harrison 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 the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
- Rodney Lyman made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 02-2023. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
- Brad Cotten made a motion to pass the emergency clause. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)

5. **Resolution 05-2023, A Resolution amending the 2023 W/S budget for replacement of water lines on Hwy 229.**
   - Public Works Director Nancy Duren explained the need for this project. She stated that the remaining monies from the Waterline Betterment project plus $160,187.00 from CIF-Water fund will fund this project.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 05-2023
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2023. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
6. **Resolution 06-2023, A Resolution releasing the FB&T Revenue CD for tank repairs**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 06-2023
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2023. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
7. **K-9 Discussion**
   - Chief Toby Morales and Officer Alex Finney with the Rockport Police Department is inquiring about adding K-9 Wey to their department.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to approve the transfer of K-9 Wey to Rockport Police. Brian Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unaimously by yea vote. (8/8)

***** The City council, Mayor and Police Chief went into executive session for personnel matters from 7:39pm to 8:11 pm *****

8. **Ordinance 03-2023, An Ordinance setting the Police Dept staffing**
   - After the executive session ended, Jeff Harrison made a motion to have the first reading heading only. Adam Ricketts seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 03-2023.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 03-2023. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)

- Jeff Harrison made the motion to pass the emergency clause of Ordinance 03-2023. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Council Member Jacob Warner made a motion to move the line item K-9 maintance in the Police budget to the uniform line item. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote. (8/8)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Warren Kuhn inquired about the tabled discussion regarding the purchase of a fire truck for the museum. Mr. Kuhn was assured by Mayor Crookham that the city was still currently looking into that and will get back with him.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

*** Minutes recorded and transcribed by C/R/T Jennifer Hill***

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