HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2023

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

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, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, Warren Kuhn, Officer Chris Maher and Sarah Horbacewicz and Sam Belk with Channel 11.

Brad Cotten made the motion to accept the February 13, 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.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Cotten explained the need for new AWIN radios due to the change coming to AWIN. The fire department applied for a grant but was not chosen. A resolution amending the budget to allow for the purchase of these radios will be presented at the next meeting.
3. **POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Brad Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Hicks introduced new officer Chris Maher to the council.

4. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The minutes for the March 7, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.
   - After a brief discussion, Jeff Harrison made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meetings as presented. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
5. **ANIMAL CONTROL**
   - The minutes for the February 27, 2023 Animal Control hearing were presented to the Council for approval.
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve the Animal Control hearing minutes as presented. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for February 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - A motion was made by Brad Cotten to approve the monthly Income and Expense statements for Feb 2023. Adam Ricketts seconded the motion.
   - A brief discussion was held.
   - A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/8 with I abstained vote)
2. **Ordinance 04-2023, Amending the Zoning Regulations for Multi-Family**
   - A motion was made by Jeff Harrison to suspend the rules and have the first reading heading only. Brad Cotten seconded the motion.
   - After a brief discussion was held, A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 04-2023
   - A motion was made by Jeff Harrison to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Brad Cotten seconded the motion.
   - After a brief discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - A motion was made by Brad Cotten to approve/pass Ordinance 04-2023 and Dallas Wright seconded the motion.
   - After a brief discussion was held, A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Please note there is no emergency clause

3. **Resolution 07-2023, A Resolution amending the Police dept budget to allow for transfer of funds from K-9 maint to uniforms.**
   - A motion was made by Jeff Harrison to approve Resolution 07-2023 and Greg Rogers seconded the motion.
   - After a brief discussion was held, A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
4. **Resolution 08-2023, A Resolution adopting the policies and procedures of the Fire Dept.**
   - A motion was made by Jeff Harrison to approve Resolution 08-2023 and seconded by Brad Cotten.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
5. **Resolution 09-2023, A Resolution adopting an Annexation Committee**
   - A motion was made by Greg Rogers to approve Resolution 09-2023 and seconded by Brian Johnson.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
6. **Ordinance 05-2023, An Ordinance authorizing a Code Enforcement Officer to issue citations.**
   - A motion was made by Greg Rogers to have the first reading heading only and seconded by Brad Cotten.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 05-2023
   - A motion was made by Greg Rogers to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings and seconded by Jeff Harrison.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - A motion was made by Greg Rogers to approve/pass Ordinance 05-2023 and seconded by Rodney Lyman.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - A motion was made by Jeff Harrison to accept/pass the emergency clause and seconded by Greg Rogers.
   - After a brief discussion was held, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- C/R/T Jennifer Hill explained that she needed volunteers for the Animal Control Committee in which Rodney Lyman volunteered for and the Parks Committee in which Brian Johnson volunteered.
- Greg Rogers inquired about the fire truck that Warren Kuhn asked for, for the Fire Museum. The fire truck is the first truck Haskell had and will cost $4,000.00 to purchase. Greg Rogers made a motion to have a Resolution brought before the Council at the next meeting to amend the Parks budget to allow for this purchase and Brian Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. A resolution will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.
- Warren Kuhn announced that the Museums would be open on Saturday March 25, 2023 from 10am to 2pm.
- Brian Johnson inquired about the progress that the Travelers have made on the fields at the ballpark. Mayor Crookham explained that the red sand was being brought in and that they are working on it.
- Mayor Crookham informed the Council that March 25, 2023 is also opening day for the Haskell Youth Club at the ballpark.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments

There being no further comments or questions, Rodney Lyman made the motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Brad Cotten. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

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

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