HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday April 10, 2023.

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

Mayor Clyde Crookham 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, Jacob Warner, and Greg Rogers.

Members not present: Adam Ricketts and Brad Cotten

Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (6/8)

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

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Bob Ward and Warren Kuhn

Rodney Lyman made the motion to accept the March 13, 2023 council meeting minutes. Jacob Warner 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.
   - Ms. Duren informed the council that NLS would begin work on the Hwy 229 waterline betterment project in May of 2023.
2. **POLICE DEPT/CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Brad Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Hicks informed the council that the First Aid Kit monies from the Blue & You Grant have been received and kits have been ordered.
   - Chief Hicks also informed the council about obtaining a quote for 10 AED units.
3. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

4. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The minutes for the April 4, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval. Jeff Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
5. **PARKS**
   - Mayor Crookham informed the Council of the price for epoxy coating the concrete floors at the community center in the amount of $9,481.75 to be taken from the Parks budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for March 2023**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for March 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Jacob Warner made a motion to accept/approve the Income and Expense Statements for March 2023 with Brian Johnson seconding the motion.
   - After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yay votes and 1 abstained vote.
2. **Annual Financial Statement for 2022**
   - The annual Financial Report for the year 2022 was presented to the council for approval.
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to approve/accept the Financial Statement for 2022 with Jacob Warner seconding the motion.
   - After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yay votes and 1 abstained vote.
3. **Ordinance 06-2023, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint a bldg./plumbing/HVAC inspector for the City of Haskell.**
   - A discussion was held regrading the wording of the Ordinance. Council Member Jeff Harrison doesn't believe we should limit our employees after hours. And would like #2 of Ordinance 06-2023, deleted. Council member Greg Rogers feels its in bad interest for the city to pay for licensing and other associated fees for inspectors and then that person go after hours and inspect.
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion the have the first reading heading only. Jacob Warner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 03-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings., with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6)
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/accept Ordinance 06-2023 with the following amendments, #2 deleted and the wording in #3 to be amending to remove

the word NOT and during or. Jacob Warner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by 5 yay votes and 1 abstained vote.

- Jeff Harrison made a motion to pass the emergency clause with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion did NOT pass with 5 yay votes and 1 abstained vote.

4. **Ordinance 07-2023, An ordinance amending Ord 01-99 for the addition of a $ 25.00 connection fee or re-connections and new services.**
   - After a lengthy discussion, Rodney Lyman made a motion to table this Ordinance until the next scheduled meeting so that it may be reviewed. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
5. **Resolution 10-2023, A Resolution amending the Fire Dept budget to allow for radio purchase.**
   - After a brief discussion, Jeff Harrison made a motion to accept/pass Resolution 10-2023 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
6. **City Street weight limit discussion**
   - There have been instances where our city streets have been damaged by big trucks.
   - The council was presented with two different city ordinances as examples.
   - Dallas Wright inquired as to how we would enforce a weight limit on our streets. He is concerned that the weight limit could not be enforced.
   - Mayor Crookham thanked the council for the engaging discussion.
7. **Resolution 11-2023, A Resolution amending the Police Repair & Maintance of Auto budget line item.**
   - After a brief discussion, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 11-2023 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yay vote (6/6)
8. **Fire Truck purchase for museum**
   - At the March meeting a discussion was had regarding the purchase of the first fire truck Haskell had to be displayed at the Fire Museum. The purchase amount is $4,000.00.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to add this item to the April 2023 agenda, with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yay votes, 2 nay votes and the Mayor's yes vote.
   - After a brief discussion, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve the purchase in the amount of $4,200.00 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yays, 2 nays and the Mayor's yes vote.
   - A resolution amending the budget to allow for this purchase will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the council of the upcoming Legislative and Water/Sewer audits.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **No public comments were made**

There being no further comments or questions, Brian Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Rodney Lyman seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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****