HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday May 8, 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 Brad Cotten

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

Members not present: Jeff Harrison and Jacob Warner

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

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

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, Warren Kuhn, Stuart Duke, Jeannie Otts and Lauren Miller, all three with the Saline Memorial Hospital Foundation and Officers Harkness, Tackett, Rucker and Maher.

Rodney Lyman made the motion to accept the April 10, 2023 city council meeting minutes. Greg Rogers 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 construction on the Hwy 229 water line repair very soon and is slotted to be finished by the beginning of the next school year.
   - Ms. Duren also made the Council aware of the bad debt write off in the amount of $17,079.00 that has accrued over the past three (3) years.

2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Cotten informed the council that the rescue unit is out of service due to an accident with damages estimated to be $15,140.00.
   - Chief Cotten informed the council with the recent Resolution amending the Fire Dept budget to allow for 10 new AWIN radios in the amount of $49,200.00, he has obtained a price for 20 new radios in the estimated amount of $33,500.00. Brad Cotten made a motion to purchase the 20 new radios and amend the budget. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
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 the following Police Officers; D. Rucker, R. Harkness, E. Tackett, and C. Maher
   - Chief Hicks informed the council that the radar units have been received and cataloged and installed in two (2) units.
4. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The next planning commission will be a working meeting between the commission and the City Council for the UDO discussion on May 16, 2023.
5. **ANIMAL CONTROL**
   - The minutes for the Animal Control hearing on May 2, 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for April 2023.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for April 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - CM Greg Rogers inquired as to the Police Overtime overage. He was assured that with the new hires, the overtime rate would decrease.
   - After a brief discussion, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve the April 2023 Income and Expense statements with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

2. **Pawnee Village Lift Station upgrade discussion.**
   - PWD Nancy Duren presented the council with two estimates regarding the upgrade of the Pawnee Village pump station.
     - $78,400.00
     - $23,800.00 from Jack Tyler Engineering
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made a motion to accept the bid from Jack Tyler in the amount of $23,800.00 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

3. **Water Tank repair quotes discussion.**
   - PWD Nancy Duren presented the Council with three (3) quotes regarding the Mr. Harmony water tank repairs;
     - $108,000.00 for inside only from Leher Painting Enterprises, Inc.
     - $253,350.00 for inside and outside from Leher Painting Ent.
     - $255,000.00 from Viking Industrial Painting
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made a motion to accept the bid from Leher in the amount of $108,000.00 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

4. **Ordinance 07-2023, An Ordinance amending Ord 01-99 to add water/sewer connection fee.**
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to have the first ready heading only with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6)
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 07-2023
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to accept/pass Ordinance 07-2023 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

5. **Resolution 12-2023, A Resolution amending the Parks Sales Tax budget to allow for the purchase of a fire truck for the Fire Museum.**
   - Mayor Crookham read the heading of Resolution 12-2023.
   - After a brief discussion, Brian Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 12-2023 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yeas and 2 nays (4/2).

6. **Resolution 13-2023, A Resolution amending the street budget to allow for the purchase of lawnmowing equipment.**
   - Mayor Crookham read the heading of Resolution 13-2023.
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2023 with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6)

7. **Resolution 14-2023, A Resolution amending the W/S Budget to allow for the purchase of water/sewer line camera system.**
   - Mayor Crookham read the heading of Resolution 14-2023
   - After a brief discussion, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 14-2023 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

8. **Ordinance 08-2023, An Ordinance amending the Cleanliness Ordinance 05-2016.**
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to have the first reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 08-2023
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - CM Brad Cotten pointed out that in the definition of antique vehicle, it classifies an antique vehicle as 25 years or older when the State classifies them at 45 years or older.
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 08-2023 with the amendment to the antique car definition of 25 years to 45 years. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - Rodney Lyman made a motion to pass the Emergency clause with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - Fire Chief Brian Cotten handed out a list of addresses/dwellings that should be considered as unsafe structures and under the new ordinance, the process shall be started to remove the unsafe structures.

9. **AED presentation.**
   - Stuart Duke, Jeannie Otts and Lauren Miller with the Saline Health Foundation presented Chief Brad Hicks with an AED device donated by the foundation.
   - Chief Hicks informed the council that we will be purchasing 9 more AEDS for the police units and an office device and will present at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- C/R/T Jennifer Hill informed the Council that the Water/Sewer audit was complete and the report would be presented in June 2023.
- Mayor Clyde Crookham presented the council with a document regarding possible salary increases to be presented at the next meeting for budget amendment. He stated that our PWD was one of the lowest paid compared to other cities our size and that he has added an increase for the ones that are inspectors, animal control and code enforcement as well as water/sewer general laborers.
- Council Member Brad Cotton would like to add to the June 2023 agenda, the amendment to the Street budget to allow for North and South Roosevelt to be repaired and connected once again for safety purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **No public comments**

There being no further comments or questions, Greg Rogers made the motion to adjourn. Dallas Wright seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

CITY OF HASKELL City Clerk SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

CITY OF HASKELL

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