HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday July 10, 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, and Greg Rogers.

Members not present: Brad Cotten

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

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

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Mike Krebs, Zeke Jones with Yoakum and Lovell and Officers Chris Maher and Richard Harkness.

Jeff Harrison made the motion to accept the June 12, 2023 city 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.
3. **POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Brad Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
4. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The minutes for the July 6, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.

- After a brief discussion, Brian Johnson made a motion to accept the July 6, 2023 commission minutes with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense statement for June 2023.**
   - The income and Expense statements for June 2023 were presented to the city council for approval.
   - Jacob Warner made a motion to approve the Income and Expenses for June 2023 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 nay (6/1).

2. **2022 Water/Sewer Audit.**
   - Zeke Jones with Yoakum and Lovell presented the 2022 Water/Sewer audit.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to accept the 2022 Water/Sewer audit with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

3. **Water/Sewer rate discussion.**
   - A proposed increase of 2, 4 & 6%s was presented to the council for discussion.
   - Benton Utilities had an increase in rates which effects the rates we pay Southwest water users. Those rates will be obtained and presented at the next meeting for further evaluation.

4. **Ordinance 12-2023 Discussion, An ordinance establishing the permit fees for utility companies needing water services.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 12-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. After a brief discussion including the amendment to the title to read AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE SERVICES OF UTILITY BORING COMMPAINIES AND ALL OTHER

COMPANIES REQUIRING THE USE OF CITY WATER, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

- Jeff Harrison made the motion to accept/pass Ordinance 12-2023 with amended title. Rodney Lyman seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
- Jacob Warner made a motion to pass the emergency clause of Ordinance 12-2023 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

5. **Resolution 19-2023, A resolution establishing the rental fees for the Community Center/Pavilion.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 19-2023
   - Brian Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 19-2023 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 nay (6/1).

6. **Ordinance 13-2023, An ordinance amending certain wording of Ordinance 08-2023 for clarification.**
   - Adam Ricketts made a motion to have the first reading heading only with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 13-2023
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to accept/pass the Ordinance with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to pass the emergency clause with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

7. **Resolution 10-2023, A resolution amending the Water/Sewer budget for an increase to tank repairs.**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 10-2023.
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to accept Resolution 10-2023 with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

8. **Ordinance 14-2023, An Ordinance amending certain wording of Ord 09-2000, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UNCONTROLLED BURNING DURING IN THE CITY OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS, DURING A BAN ON UNCONTROLLED BURNING.**
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to have the first reading heading only with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 14-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 14-2023 with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to pass the Emergency clause with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

9. **Ordinance 15-2023, An Ordinance levying all real and personal property.**
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to have the first reading heading only with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 15-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Brian Johnson made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 15-2023 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

10. **Resolution 21-2023, A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the Saline County detention center operational cost sharing agreement for the year 2024.**
    - Brian Johnson made a motion to approve/accept Resolution 21-2023 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **No Announcements**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **No public comments**

There being no further comments or questions, Jeff Harrison made the motion to adjourn. Dallas Wright seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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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