HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday September 11, 2023.

Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill swore in Richard Harkness as Haskell Police Chief and Joe Thomas as the Haskell Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

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

Members not present: Adam Ricketts and Brian Johnson

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

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

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Jason Hill, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, and Warren Kuhn.

Brad Cotten made the motion to accept the August 11, 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.
   - Ms. Duren informed the council that the Hwy 229 Waterline betterment project has been completed and that the tank repairs will begin soon.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Council Member Brad Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

3. **POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Richard Harkness, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
4. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - No meeting for September 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for August 2023.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for August 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Jacob Warner made the motion to accept the Income & Expense statements for the month of August 2023 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yays and 1 nay (6/1).
2. **Ordinance 16-2023, An Ordinance establishing the water/sewer rates.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 16-2023.
   - Jeff Harrison 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 (6/6).
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Ordinance 16-2023 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
   - Jacob Warner made the motion to accept/pass the Emergency clause of Ordinance 16-2023 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
3. **Resolution 22-2023, A Resolution amending the Police Budget for the transfer of $55,000.00 from the Police Sales Tax account to the General Police Fund and to utilize $55,000.00 from the Sales Overage line item in General Police for the purchase of vehicles and equipment.**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 22-2023.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 22-2023 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Warren Kuhn announced that the next Saline County Museum Day will be on September 23, 2023 from 10am-4pm.**
- **Ms. Emaline Stroud announced that on Halloween the museums will be open for trick or treating.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **No public comments**

There being no further comments or questions, Rodney Lyman made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

CITY OF HASKELL SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

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