HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday October 9, 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, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Jeff Harrison and Rodney Lyman

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, City Attorney Ashley Clancy and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: Bob Ward, Joe Thomas, Mike Krebs and Danny Lyons

Brad Cotten made the motion to accept the September 11, 2023 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.
   - PWD Nancy Duren explained the need for the Council to obtain the certification for the Water Board training.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
3. **POLICE**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Richard Harkness, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Harkness swore in Officer Danny Lyons.

4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Code Enforcement Officer Joe Thomas, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The minutes for the October 3, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023 Planning commission minutes, with Brian Johnson seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).
6. **PARKS COMMITTEE**
   - The minutes for the September 25, 2023 Parks Committee minutes were presented to the City Council for review.
   - Brian Johnson made the motion to approve the September 2023 Parks Minutes with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for September 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Jacob Warner made the motion to approve the September 2023 Income and Expense statements 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).

2. **2022 ARPA Audit performed by Yoakum & Lovell**
   - The 2022 ARPA audit performed by Yoakum & Lovell was presented to the council for review.
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the summary of findings.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to approve the 2022 ARPA Audit with Jacob Warner seconding the motion. After a brief discussion a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

3. **Ordinance 17-2023, An Ordinance adopting the 2024 International Property Maintenance with said amendment.**
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to table this Ordinance until further review of the code has taken place. Brian Johnson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

4. **Resolution 23-2023, A Resolution amending the General Fund Budget to allow for the purchase of a WatchGuard camera system for the Police Department in the amount of $130,000.00.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 23-2023
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 23-2023 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

5. **Resolution 24-2023, A Resolution amending the General Fund to allow for the purchase of two police vehicles in the amount of $ 110,000.00.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 24-2023
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 24-2023 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Brad Cotten pointed out that the Resolution should read that the vehicles are to be admin for one year and the transferred to the Police Department.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to amend Resolution 24-2023 to add above verbiage. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. After a brief discussion a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

6. **Resolution 25-2023, A Resolution amending Resolution 09-2022 and approving the amendments to the Proposed Consent Administrative Order from ADEQ.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 25-2023
   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 25-2023 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **No announcements**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Mike Krebs inquired about the status of the overgrown field behind the Grove and was assured by CEO Joe Thomas that he is taking care of that issue.**

There being no further comments or questions, Dallas Wright made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

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

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