HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday November 13, 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, Jeff Harrison, Rodney Lyman, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Dallas Wright

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

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, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Thomas and Fire Chief Brian Cotton.

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

Rodney Lyman made the motion to accept the October 9, 2023 council meeting minutes with said amendments. Brad Cotten 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**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Richard Harkness, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
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 November 7, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for October 2023.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for October 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to approve the Income and Expense statements for October 2023 with a second from Brad Cotten. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 nay (6/7).

2. **Ordinance 17-2023, An Ordinance adopting the 2024 Property Maintance Code with stated amendment.**
   - A lengthy discussion was held.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Ordinance 17-2023 with NO second, thus Ordinance is NOT passed.

3. **Resolution 13-2022 Discussion**
   - Resolution 13-2022 establishes a Budget Committee with 4 council members to be nominated. The following council members were nominated, Greg Rogers, Jacob Warner, Adam Ricketts and Brad Cotten. The next budget committee meeting is TBA.

4. **Ordinance 18-2023, An Ordinance entering into a Franchise Agreement with Pafford Medical Services.**
   - Jeff Harrison 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 (7/7).
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 18-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made a 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 (7/7)
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to accept/pass Ordinance 18-2023 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

5. **Resolution 26-2023, A Resolution amending the Employee Handbook**

- Mayor Crookham presented an amendment for the Employee Handbook to change payroll date changes from 15th and last day of month to bi-weekly.
- Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 26-2023
- Jeff Harrison made a motion to approve Resolution 26-2023 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (7/7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read a letter from Jerry and Emaline Stroud thanking the community for a great turnout for Halloween in the Park.
- Jeff Harrison explained his frustration regarding the leak detection policy for our Water/Sewer department

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comments

There being no further comments or questions, Brad Cotten made the motion to adjourn. Jacob Warner seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

CITY OF HASKELL SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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