HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2023

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

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were, Jeff Harrison, Rodney Lyman, Adam Ricketts, Greg Rogers, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Dallas Wright, Brian Johnson, and Jacob Warner

Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (5/8)

Others in attendance: Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr., Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Richard Harkness, Public Works Director Nancy Duren, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Thomas, City Attorney Ashley Clancy, and Fire Chief Brian Cotton.

Public in attendance: Jerry and Emaline Stroud and Bob Ward

Jeff Harrison made the motion to accept the November 13, 2023 council meeting minutes. 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 December 5, 2023 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.
6. **BUDGET COMMITTEE**
   - The minutes for the December 4, 2023 Budget Committee meeting were presented to the council for approval. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for November 2023.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for November 2023 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to approve the Income and Expense statements for November 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 (5/5).

2. **Proposed 2024 budget/Resolution 27-2023, A Resolution adopting the 2024 budgets.**
   - Mayor Crookham presented the 2024 Budgets for approval.
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 27-2023
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 27-2023 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/5).

3. **Ordinance 19-2023, An Ordinance submitting to the Voters of the City of Haskell, the question of annexation to said City contiguous territory.**
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to have the first reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/5).
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 19-2023.
   - The second reading will take place at the January 2024 meeting.

4. **Resolution 28-2023, A Resolution amending the 2023 Water/Sewer budget to allow for the purchase of a utility vehicle in the amount of $9,500.00.**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 28-2023
   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 28-2023 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/5).

5. **Resolution 29-2023, A Resolution authorizing the donation of K-9 equipment.**
   - C/R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 29-2023
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve Resolution 29-2023 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Jennifer Hill announced that the Legislative Audit would begin in a week**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Jerry Stroud inquired about the proposed annexation boundary.**

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 7:35pm.

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 C/R/T Jennifer Hill****