HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday January 8, 2024.

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, Dallas Wright, Jeff Harrison, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Brian Johnson 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, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Thomas, City Attorney Ashley Clancy, and Fire Chief Brian Cotton.

Public in attendance: Jerry and Emaline Stroud and Mike Krebs.

Jeff Harrison made the motion to accept the December 11, 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.
   - Nancy Duren reminded the Council about the Retail Water Board class that needs to be completed.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Cotton asked for the council's approval to donate a list of items (a copy of which is filed with these minutes) to area Volunteer Fire Departments. The council agreed unanimously.

- Chief Cotton also expressed his desire to purchase equipment (a copy of list is filed with these minutes) from his equipment line item at the total of $48,857.00 and the Council agreed unanimously.

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.
   - Council Member Brad Cotten inquired about the status of the Ordinance/Handbook comparison. Mr. Thomas informed him that he is still currently reviewing both policies.
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - Jerry Stroud informed the council that there was not a quorum for the January 2, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
   - The Planning Commission did discuss the options for re-zone for a property on Hwy 67 that is outside the city limits.
   - Mayor Crookham asked the City Attorney Ashley Clancy to investigate annexing this said area on Hwy 67 that the city limits surround.
6. **PARKS**
   - The minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting were presented to the council for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 19-2023, An Ordinance submitting to the voters the question of annexation. Second Reading.**
   - City Attorney Ashley Clancy addressed the Council regarding a clerical error on page 3 regarding Trash Service.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the Second reading Heading only of Ordinance 19-2023 with amendments. Brad Cotten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

NEW BUSINESS:

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

2. **Resolution 01-2024, A resolution establishing the procedural rules for the City Council for the year 2024.**

- R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 01-2024
- Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 01-2024 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 02-2024, A Resolution entering into an agreement with Midsouth Adjustment Company for the purpose of Water/Sewer bill collection.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 02-2024
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 02-2024 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).

4. **Resolution 03-2024, A Resolution amending the 2023 Budgets to be in compliance.**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 03-2024
   - Jacob Warner made a motion to approve/pass Resolution 03-2024 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (6/6).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Jennifer Hill reminded the council that the Legislative Audit for 2022 is still currently taking place.**
2. **Mayor Clyde Crookham informed the council that an amended budget for 2024 will be presented at the February meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Council member Dallas Wright inquired as to the reason the bathrooms at the ballpark, are locked during the day. Mayor Crookham informed the council that some vandalism has taken place and the restrooms would remain locked until further notice.**

There being no further comments or questions, Jeff Harrison made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer

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