**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 12, 2024**

**The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday February 12, 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, Rodney Lyman, and Greg Rogers.**

**Members not present: Brian Johnson, Jacob Warner, Brad Cotten and Adam Ricketts**

**Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (4/8, With the Mayor as Quorum)**

**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 Cotten.

**Public in attendance:** Officer Clay Pratt, Officer Brandon Butler, Tyler Clanton, Officer Deana Lesher, Michael Lesher, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Perry Young, Jason Hill, Mike Krebs, Josh Helton, Bob Ward, Matt Dunn, Dickie Kentner and Bobby Westbrook.

**Rodney Lyman made the motion to accept the January 8, 2024 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.
   - Council member Jeff Harrison inquired about the new hire. Mayor Crookham explained that a new Supervisor was hired for the Water/Sewer/Streets depts.
2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
   - Chief Cotten explained that the new extradition equipment has arrived.
3. **POLICE**

- The report was given by Police Chief Richard Harkness, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
- Chief Harkness introduced new officers Brandon Butler, Clay Pratt and Deana Lesher

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 February 6, 2024 Planning commission meeting were presented to the Council for approval.
6. **PARKS**
   - The minutes for the January 23, 2024 Parks committee meeting were presented to the council for approval.
   - Josh Helton with Future Cardinal Sports presented the Council with a quote in the amount of $28,946.59 for an infield renovation to one field in order to host games. The have obtained $23,000.00 in donations and are asking the City for help with some of the remaining costs. Mayor Crookham advised them to finalize their donation amounts and the cost needed from the City.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

1. **Third/Final reading of Ordinance 19-2023**
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to have the third reading heading only with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4 with Mayor yea vote)
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to pass Ordinance 19-2023 with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4 with Mayor's yea vote)

***NEW BUSINESS:***

- **Rodney Lyman made a motion to move the #5 agenda item to the #1. Greg Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4, with Mayor's yea vote)**

1. **Resolution 05-2024, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with SRWA.**
   - Bobby Westbrook, Dickie Kentner, Matt Dunn and Perry Young with SRWA came before the council to give an update on the new water source for Saline County cities. A water source that will come from the Ouachita River and will yield 22 million gallons of water a day.
   - Recorder/Treasurer read the heading of Resolution 05-2024
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2024 with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4, with Mayor's yea vote)

2. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Greg Rogers inquired regarding the zeros listed on the report regarding the receipted money. R/T Jennifer Hill explained that it was a printing error.
   - Jeff Harrison made a motion to table the Jan 2024 Income and Expense statements until the next meeting when reports can be fixed. Greg Rogers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (4/5, with Mayor's yea vote)

3. **Ordinance 01-2024, An Ordinance to vacating an alleyway on Grand/Rose.**
   - Dallas Wright made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4, with Mayor's yea vote)
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 01-2024

4. **Ordinance 02-2024, An Ordinance amending Ord 03-2023 Police Staffing structure**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Rodney Lyman seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4, with Mayor's yea vote)
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 03-2023

5. **Resolution 04-2024, A Resolution amending Resolution 27-2023 to adopt a new 2024 budget**
   - R/T Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 04-2024
   - Dallas Wright made a motion to table this Resolution until the Budget Committee has approved. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote (5/4, with Mayor's yea vote)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Jennifer Hill announced that the 2022 Legislative Audit has been completed and will be presented to the Council at a later date.**
- **Mayor Crookham informed the Council regarding the new guidelines pertaining to the Inspection process and residential water leaks. A copy of which is filed with these minutes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- **Jeff Harrison explained his views on the issues with the new guidelines for Inspectors.**
- **Jeff Harrison inquired as to the reason that all City Vehicles are not marked with City markings. He would like an Ordinance to be presented that all City vehicles and equipment need to be marked with City markings.**

**There being no further comments or questions, Jeff Harrison made the motion to adjourn. Greg Rogers seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer**

**Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor**

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO., ARKANSAS

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

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