**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 11, 2024**

**The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday March 11, 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, Greg Rogers and Brad Cotten.**

**Members not present: Jacob Warner and Rodney Lyman. Brian Johnson resigned.**

**Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (5/7)**

**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:** Charles Wright, Emaline and Jerry Stroud, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, Teresa Phillips, and Robert Johnson.

**Greg Rogers made the motion to accept the February 12, 2024 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.
   - Council member Brad Cotten inquired as to the status of compliance of our sewer plants. PWD Nancy Duren explained that the PH levels have not been consistent but a contingency plan has been implemented as they are wasting more and treating more. Council member inquired as to any extra dumping into our plants. Nancy Duren explained that a company did dump once into our bar screen.
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 report was given by Commission member Bob Ward, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
6. **BUDGET COMMITTEE**
   - The minutes from the February 27, 2024 were presented to the council.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS:***

1. **Ordinance 01-2024, An Ordinance vacating an alleyway on Grand/Rose.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the second reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 01-2024.

2. **Ordinance 02-2024, An Ordinance amending Ord 03-2023, setting the staffing for the Police Department.**
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to have the second reading heading only with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 02-2024.

3. **Resolution 04-2024, A Resolution amending Res 27-2023 to adopt an amended 2024 Budget.**
   - This Resolution was tabled from the February 12, 2024 meeting and sent to the Budget committee for review. The Budget committee met on February 27, 2024.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 04-2024.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 04-2024 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for January and February 2024.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for January and February 2024 were presented to the Council for approval. The January statements were tabled from February meeting.

- Greg Rogers made the motion to approve both the January and February 2024 Income and Expense statements with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.

2. **Resolution 06-2024, A Resolution authorizing the donation of extrication equipment to Joplin Vol. fire department.**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 06-2024.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2024 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.

3. **Resolution 07-2024, A Resolution amending Res 02-2024 to add collection of fire service fees to be collected by Midsouth.**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 07-2024
   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 07-2024 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.

4. **Ordinance 03-2024, An Ordinance vacating part of 9th Street.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 03-2024

5. **Ordinance 04-2024, An Ordinance amend Ord 02-2023 section R131 to add automatic sprinkler system requirements for new builds.**
   - After a lengthy discussion regarding the costs associated with this, Brad Cotten made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion FAILED to pass with 4 yeas, 1 no and 3 absent votes.

6. **Ordinance 05-2024, An Ordinance allowing business with Ricketts Plumbing in years 2022 and 2023.**
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yeas (including Mayor's yea vote), I abstained vote and 3 absent votes.

7. **Sell of City Property located at Ballpark**
   - Mayor Crookham explained to the council that the 2 acres the city owns next to the ballpark has been propositioned for sale.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill reminded the City Council to turn in their Financial Statements if they have not already done so.**
2. **Council member Jeff Harrison made a motion to add to next months agenda an Ordinance prohibiting outside dumping in our sewer plants and seconded by Brad Cotten. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.**
3. **Council member Brad Cotten made a motion to add to next month's agenda an Ordinance for Zoning of possible annexation with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.**
4. **Council member Jeff Harrison made the motion to add to next months agenda an Ordinance requiring all City property to be visibly marked with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 3 absent votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- **Teresa Phillips inquired about resubmitting her plat to arrange for setbacks without vacating alleyway so she can get her house built. Mayor Crookham asked her to turn in a new plat for approval.**
- **Council member Dallas Wright inquired about the road cut out on Grand and Mayor Crookham explained he would contact the people responsible.**

**There being no further comments or questions, Greg Rogers made the motion to adjourn. Adam Ricketts seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer**

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
SALINE CO. ARKANSAS

**Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor**

CITY OF HASKELL SALINE CO. ARKANSAS

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