HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday May 13, 2024.

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

To fill the vacancy in Ward 4, Brad Cotten made a motion to appoint Micheal Baker to the vacant seat for the rest of the current term. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill swore in Micheal Baker as council member.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were, Dallas Wright, Jeff Harrison, Micheal Baker, Adam Ricketts, Jacob Warner, Greg Rogers, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Rodney Lyman

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

Others in attendance: Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr., Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Richard Harkness, City Attorney Ashley Clancy, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Robert Johnson, Mike Krebs, Bob Ward, and Roy Carman.

Brad Cotten made the motion to accept the March 11, 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 Mayor Crookham, 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 Mayor Crookham, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - The report was given by Planning Commission member Bob Ward, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Final reading of Ordinance 01-2024. An Ordinance vacating an alleyway at Grand and Rose.**

   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the third reading heading only with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 01-2024
   - Dallas Wright made the motion to approve/pass Ordinance 01-2024 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Jeff Harrsion made the motion to pass the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 01-2024 with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

2. **Final reading of Ordinance 02-2024. An Ordinance amending Ord 03-2023, setting the staffing of the Police Department**

   - Greg Rogers made a motion to amend Ordinance 02-2024 to read "One Lieutenant position and two sergeant positions to be filled at a later date with the approval of the Council" with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to have the first reading of the amended Ordinance 02-2024 heading only with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously bye yea vote.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Amended Ordinance 02-2024
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Amended Ordinance 02-2024 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

- Brad Cotten made the motion to pass the Emergency Clause with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

3. **Second reading of Ordinance 03-2024. An Ordinance vacating part of 9th street.**

   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 03-2024 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Dallas Wright made the motion to approve/pass Ordinance 03-2024 with Micheal Baker seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to pass the Emergency Clause with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

4. **Second reading of Ordinance 05-2024. An Ordinance allowing business with Ricketts plumbing for years 2022 and 2023.**

   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 05-2024 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 abstained vote.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to accept/pass Ordinance 05-2024 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 abstained vote.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to pass the Emergency clause with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 abstained vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **David Anderson Appeal**
   - Dallas Wright made the motion to move this item from #9 on the agenda to #1 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Mr. Anderson comes before the Council to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission to not rezone his property at Hyline and Margo.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to uphold the Planning Commissions ruling and not rezone that area with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yay votes and 1 no.

2. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for March and April 2024.**
   - The monthly income and expense statements for March and April 2024 were presented to the Council for approval.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to approve March and April 2024 Income and Expense reports with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

3. **Resolution 08-2024, A Resolution amending R 04-2024 to add line-item Purchase of cameras in the amount of $48,150.00**
   - Mayor Crookham read the heading of Resolution 08-2024
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to pass/approve Resolution 08-2024 with Micheal Baker seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

4. **Zoning Amendment discussion- Commercial C1/Ordinance 08-2024**
   - Brad Cotten explained the Ordinance 08-2024.
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 no vote.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 08-2024
   - Brad Cotten made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 08-2024 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 no vote.
   - Micheal Baker made the motion to approve/pass Ordinance 08-2024 with Greg Rogers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 no vote.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to pass the Emergency clause of Ordinance 08-2024 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 no vote.

5. **Half Engineering Report**
   - Mayor Crookham explained the results of the sewer study done by Halff Engineering

6. **2022 Legislative Audit Report**
   - Mayor Crookham presented the 2022 Audit Findings for review. Brad Cotten made a motion to approve with Adam Ricketts seconding. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

7. **Resolution 09-2024. A Resolution authorizing Halff Engineering to secure funds for rehab of Sewer plants**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 09-2024
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 09-2024 with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
8. **Resolution 10-2024. A Resolution authorizing Halff Engineering to release an RFQ for SSES services.**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Resolution 10-2024
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 10-2024 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

9. **Ordinance 06-2024. An Ordinance prohibiting outside dumping of any kind in the sewer plants.**
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Adam Ricketts seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 06-2024
   - Micheal Baker made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 06-2024 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to accept/pass Ordinance 06-2024 with Micheal Baker seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Jeff Harrison made the motion to pass the Emergency Clause with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

10. **Ordinance 07-2024. An Ordinance requiring all City property to be properly labeled.**
    - Jeff Harrison made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
    - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 07-2024
    - Jeff Harrison made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 07-2024 with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

- Micheal Baker made the motion to pass/accept Ordinance 07-2024 with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 5 yays and 1 No.
- Mayor Crookham explained that he may use his right to Veto this Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill explained that the packets to run for elected office are now available at the County Clerks office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No public comments

There being no further comments or questions, Brad Cotten made the motion to adjourn. Micheal Baker seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer

Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

CITY OF HASKELL
City Clerk
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*** Minutes recorded and transcribed by C.T. Jennifer Hill***