HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday October 14, 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, Kaylee Breckling, Adam Ricketts, Mike Krebs, Greg Rogers, Michael Baker, and Brad Cotten.

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

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

Public in attendance: Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Katy Hill, Julian Brown, and Cheryl Cook

Micheal Baker made the motion to accept the September 9, 2024 city 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 Eddie Tackett, 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.
   - Joe Thomas presented the Council with a list of five properties that he recommends be condemned. He requested the Council choose at least two properties to start with.

- Greg Rogers made the motion to begin with properties on Gary Drive with the property on Lockhart as a backup. Micheal Baker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yays and 1 abstained vote.

5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - A report from the October 1, 2024 Planning meeting was given by Planning Commission member Jerry Stroud, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
6. **PARKS**
   - PWD Nancy Duren explained that the city was not awarded the Parks Grant this year.
   - Mayor Crookham informed the Council that information regarding the upgrades needed at the park (i.e. concession stand and fencing) will be given at the next Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense statements for September 2024.**
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill presented the Income and Expense statements for September 2024.
   - Greg Rogers inquired as to the overage in the Water/Sewer budget. Mayor Crookham explained that there had been some items miscoded but had been corrected. Mayor Crookham also explained the large amounts for the plant/line maintance due to the rising costs and the condition of our current pumps.
   - Greg Rogers made a motion to table this item until the next meeting when the corrections can be seen with Jeff Harrison seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

2. **Ordinance 17-2024. An Ordinance setting annual fire dues for residents outside the city limits.**
   - Fire Chief Brian Cotten explained that out of the 231 invoices mailed out, only 110 are being paid.
   - Micheal Baker 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 7 yays and 1 nay vote.
   - Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill read the heading of Ordinance 17-2024.
   - Michael Baker 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 with 7 yay votes and 1 nay vote.

- Michael Baker made the motion to pass/approve Ordinance 17-2024 with Brad Cotten seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yay votes and 2 nay votes.

3. **Ordinance 18-2024. An Ordinance amending certain wording of Ordinance 08-2024 and adding Exhibit B: Uses for Commercial Zone**
   - Adam Ricketts made the motion to have the first reading heading only with Mike Krebs 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 18-2024
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings with Michael Baker seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Brad Cotten made a motion to approve/pass Ordinance 18-2024 with Mike Krebs seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by yea vote.
   - Mike Krebs 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.

4. **Resolution 20-2024. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Task Order 003 from Halff Engineering for SSES and to seek short term funding.**
   - Mr. Julian Brown with Halff Engineering explained the need for the funding for the study in the amount of $546,250.00.
   - Mayor Crookham explained that he would need to obtain a short-term loan to get this project started.
   - After a brief discussion, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 20-2024 with Dallas Wright seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yay votes and 2 nay votes.

5. **Resolution 21-2024. A Resolution amending the 2024 Water/Sewer Budget to allow for the increase for plant-line maintance in the amount of $65,000.00**
   - Mayor Crookham explained the need for the increase to the line-item plant/line maintance in the water/sewer budget, due to rising costs of repairs and for the payments of proposed short-term loan for SSES.
   - Greg Rogers made the motion to approve/pass Resolution 21-2024 with Mike Krebs seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yay votes and 1 nay vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mayor Crookham presented the Council with two new possible logos for the city website with the Council choosing the first option.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Ms. Emaline Stroud announced that there will be a Halloween in the Park again this year and inquired about the starting time, with Mayor Crookham getting back to her on a time.**

There being no further comments or questions, Michael Baker made the motion to adjourn. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 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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