

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, February 9, 2026

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Brad Cotten

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were, James Wells, Kaylee Breckling, Adam Ricketts, Mike Krebs, Greg Rogers, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Dallas Wright and Michael Baker

Mayor Crookham declared a quorum present. (6/8)

Others in attendance: Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr., Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer Taylor Finley, Police Chief Eddie Tackett, Public Works Director Nancy Duren, Planning Committee member Bob Ward, City Attorney Ashley Clancy, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: MYAC Members Austyn Finley, Chloe Fitch, Ryan Hopson and Logan Pereira. Haskell PD Officers Leshner, Bledsoe and Oneal

Motion made by Brad Cotten seconded by Greg Rogers to accept the January 12, 2026 council meeting minutes, approved by all council members in attendance

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.

- Officer Leshar gave a progress report on arrests, stating that the number of arrests has gone up from 19 in 2024 to 55 in 2025, as well as Impaired Driving Enforcement with the number of DWI arrest increasing from 1 in 2024 to 23 in 2025 and currently 70 in 2026 with all of those pleading guilty. Also, positive notes on training and audit feedback.
 - Introduction of newly hired Officer Oneal.
 - Officer Bledsoe gave a report on Drug arrests stating that they are trying to clean up Haskell and that there have been 3 felony arrests so far in 2026
4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
- No Report was given
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
- The report for the Planning Commission meeting was given by Bob Ward, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for January**
 - Motion to accept the reports made by Greg Rogers 2nd by Brad Cotton. Motion approved by all council members in attendance
2. **Resolution 04-2026 - A Resolution amending Resolution 31-2025 to adopt an amended 2026 budget.**
 - After a brief discussion, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 04-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
3. **Resolution 05-2026 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Haskell, Arkansas approving the city of Haskell Comprehensive Plan and authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Metroplan; and for other purposes.**
 - Motion to approve Resolution 05-2026 made aby Brad Cotten, 2nd by Jim Wells. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We asked City Council members to submit a list of streets to be repaired or street projects to be considered for the ArDoT State Aid Fund Grant to be used toward.
- Brad Cotten inquired about filling the vacant Code Enforcement position it was stated by the mayor that the position is posted on the website and we are currently accepting applicants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments

There being no further comments or questions motion to adjourn made by Mike Krebs seconded by Brad Cotton. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Taylor Finley
Treasurer, City of Haskell



Clyde Crookham Jr.
Mayor, City of Haskell

