

CITY OF HASKELL PUBLIC MEETING

March 9, 2026

The 1st required public meeting for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEPD) funding was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, March 9, 2026

Mayor Clyde Crookham Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm due to low attendance.

Council Members present were: Adam Ricketts, Dallas Wright, Kaylee Breckling, Brad Cotten, Mike Krebs, and Greg Rogers.

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

Public in attendance: Leigh Ann and Glen Pool from Central Arkansas Planning Development, for all other attendees see attached roster

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing directed by Leigh Ann Pool for ACEDP funding for needs in the community such as structure, water/sewer improvements etc.**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - The Mayor brought up new lines and rehab to existing water lines.
 - o It was stated that surveys would need to be done by residents
 - Dallas Wright brought up the sewer annex, which is the sewer improvement district for a recently annexed area, there is an upcoming meeting about it on March 12th.
 - o It was stated that a survey should be done to see if there could be low-income residents to qualify for residential funding grants
 - Brian Cotten asked about grant options for the fire department and what criteria is needed to qualify.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Crookham adjourned the Public Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Taylor Finley, Recorder/Treasurer



Clyde Crookham Jr., Mayor

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 9, 2026

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

Members not present: James Wells, 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 Jaelynn Poe, Conner Boyd, Austyn Finley, Logan Pereira, Chloe Fitch, Ryan Hopson, and Braeden Behr. Michael Marlar from Halff Engineers, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Joshua Cochran, Officers Deana Leshner and Elisabeth O'Neal. Public Works Supervisor David Conger

Motion made by Brad Cotten seconded by Mike Krebs to accept the February 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.

4. CODE ENFORCEMENT

- No Report was given
- The mayor informed the council that there is an applicant that he has interviewed to fill the position in the near future

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 February

- Motion to accept the reports made by Greg Rogers 2nd by Dallas Wright. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

2. Resolution 06-2026 - A Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Haskell, Arkansas to utilize state aid street monies for city projects.

- After a brief overview given by mayor Clyde Crookham and a discussion of which streets are included, Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2026, 2nd by Mike Krebs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

3. Resolution 07-2026 - A Resolution authorizing the mayor of the City of Haskell, AR to negotiate a professional services contract with Halff Engineering for sewer system improvements.

A brief overview of the project and the sewer evaluation study was given by Michael Marlar an engineer from Halff Engineering and after brief discussions concerning funding, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 07-2026, 2nd by Greg Rogers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

4. Resolution 08-2026 – A Resolution allowing the mayor to apply for funding for Sewer System Improvements on behalf of the City of Haskell, AR

- A motion was made to add this item to the agenda under “New Business” by Brad Cotten 2nd by Greg Rogers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
- After a brief discussion about how to obtain funding and steps to take Adam Ricketts made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2026, 2nd by Dallas Wright. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

5. Ordinance 01-2026 – An Ordinance prohibiting commercial digging or drilling within the city of Haskell, AR during specified hours; providing for penalties; providing for liability for damages

- It was discussed to add more details to this Ordinance to include rehabbing the ground after digging as well as what account to deposit fine money into, and process of repairs in cases of property damage. Also to inquire into what processes other local cities of our size use. It was determined that more information is needed and a possible revision of the ordinance to add additional policies and procedures and/or permits.
- The council decided to postpone this business to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayoral Proclamation was made honoring Jerry and Emaline Stroud and declaring March 13, 2026 as Jerry and Emaline Stroud Day.
- Electronic Meter (Nextmeters) quote from River Valley Winwater Co. for a pilot program
 - It was stated by Brad Cotten that the priority should be to fix the current water leak issues in the system before investing in electronic meters
- Mayor Crookham announced that City Council Member Michael Baker put in his resignation effective immediately and that his position will need to be filled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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