

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2026

Before Council business starts Mayor Clyde Crookham addressed the vacant Ward 4 Position 2 council seat. He then nominated Josh Helton to fill this seat effective immediately and for the remainder of the current cycle. A verbal vote was conducted and was approved by all members present.

Recorder/Treasurer Taylor Finley swore in Josh Helton as a Haskell City Council Member.

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, Mike Krebs, Greg Rogers, Josh Helton, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: Dallas Wright and Adam Ricketts

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

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

Public in attendance: Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Glen L.

Motion made by Brad Cotten seconded by Jim Wells to accept the March 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.

- Brad Cotten asked about progress on closing the South Plant and costs involved. Ms. Duren informed the council that it was still in the works and that the city will have to get permits in order to discharge into the fields, she stated she is still working on quotes on costs
- 2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
 - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
 - Fire Chief Cotten stated that he has been appointed by the State Fire Marshal's Office to be on the committee to write the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code that is done every 3 years. He feels honored to have this opportunity, however stated that it would be time consuming.
- 3. **POLICE**
 - The report was given by Police Officer Everett Davis, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
 - Mike Krebs asked about patrolling on Grand Ave and Westbrook Rd due to comments and posts about speeding on social media. Officer Hicks reassured the council that they do frequently patrol on Grand and stop quite a few cars for speeding and other offenses, as well as patrol frequently in the Westbrook/Quantz/Raper Rd areas.
- 4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
 - No Report was given
- 5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
 - There was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 01-2026** – An Ordinance regulating excavation, digging, and drilling within the City of Haskell, AR; Requiring a permit and fee; establishing restoration requirements; providing for liability and penalties; and for other purposes.
 - Ms. Clancy, the city attorney stated that she looked over the Maumelle Ordinance and added a lot of things that had been suggested and that were concerns from the last meeting.
 - After discussions among the council about no drilling on Fridays Mike Krebs made a motion, 2nd by Jim Wells to amend Ordinance 01-2026 *Section 5: Hours of Work* to be "No excavation or drilling shall occur between the hours of 12:00 pm on Friday and 8:00 am on Monday". A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
 - Greg Rogers made the motion to have the first reading heading only, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
 - Recorder/Treasurer Taylor Finley read the heading of Ordinance 01-2026

- Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, 2nd by Kaylee Breckling. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes
- Greg Rogers made the motion to accept Ordinance 01-2026, 2nd by Kaylee Breckling. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes
- Greg Rogers made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 01-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mayor Clyde Crookham brought before the council a need for a separate credit card to be used for the Fire Department, asking to be approved authority to apply for that credit card.**
 - There was a discussion about the city's current credit card policy and how it is managed or if it could be changed. There was inquiry into what other city policies are regarding credit cards, spending and travel, our attorney, Ms. Clancy, stated that she would get the policies of Bryant and send them to the council members to review before the next council meeting to help them decide on a plan of action.
 - The Council decided to table this item to the next meeting.
2. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for March**
 - Motion to accept the reports made by Mike Krebs 2nd by Greg Rogers. Motion approved by all council members in attendance
3. **Resolution 09-2026 - A Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Haskell to utilize Federal Aid Transportation Alternatives Program or Recreational Trails Program Funds**
 - After a brief overview given by Mayor Crookham, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 09-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
4. **Resolution 10-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the disposition and sale of surplus property, including scrap metal from the city's sewer facilities and obsolete computer equipment**
 - After a brief overview was given by Mayor Crookham, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 10-2026, 2nd by Mike Krebs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
5. **Resolution 11-2026 - A Resolution authorizing the City of Haskell, AR to approve a settlement agreement in the matter of Vincent v. Haskell, Case No. 63CV-25-1849**
 - A brief overview was given by the city attorney Ms. Clancey about this case that happened in 2022, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 10-2026, 2nd by Jim Wells. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Public Works Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) Report**
 - Mayor Crookham stated that we are working on getting grants and funding for improvements, he also asked that the Henshaw Pump Station renovations be added to that project and South Plant renovations and repairs or replacement of the grinder pump and costs associated with those.
- **Water System Improvements Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate**
 - Mayor Crookham discussed work to be done on valves and rebuilding pumps. Ms. Duran talked about the surveys that are in the process of being done to procure grant funds for water line improvements
- **J. Tyler Construction quotes for Water and Sewer Improvements**
 - Henshaw Pump Station Renovations
 - It was discussed the possibility of purchasing water from the Health Center as a backup water supply in case there was ever a problem with Water Users, so that we don't risk losing water during an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Glen, a resident who lives on Westbrook brought up some concerns that he has about people speeding on Westbrook Rd, he was assured by the Haskell PD that they patrol that area frequently and they would be more mindful of these concerns going forward.
- Glen also brought up concerns about loose dogs roaming on Westbrook, the mayor let him know that due to that area being outside of the city limits there was not much to be done by law enforcement.
- Glen asked about the alert system that would enable him and his wife to get notifications on their phone about emergencies in the area. He was instructed to get in touch with Saline County Office of Emergency Management: Code Red Alert and how to register for that service.

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

Respectfully Submitted,




Taylor Finley
Treasurer, City of Haskell


Clyde Crookham Jr.
Mayor, City of Haskell