

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 due to the Harmony Grove High School Graduation being on Monday.

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, Adam Ricketts, Dallas Wright, Kaylee Breckling, Josh Helton, Mike Krebs, Greg Rogers, and Brad Cotten.

Members not present: James Wells

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

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: Conner Boyd, Logan Pereira and Tucker White. Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Everett Davis, Ray Bob Harrison, Glenn Lechniak

Motion made by Brad Cotten, seconded by Mike Krebs to accept the April 13, 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. Chief Cotten stated that the FD is working with the city attorney to put mandatory fire dues on property taxes, as of now they are voluntary and only about 55% of residents pay and this continues to decline. This will help to keep from billing people and trying to collect payments.

3. POLICE

- The report was given by Police Chief Eddie Tackett, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

4. CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Report given by Police Chief Eddie Tackett, stated that there were 12 cases and resolved 4 of those.

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:

- **Resolution 12-2026: A Resolution adopting the City of Haskell, AR credit card policy.**
 - o After a lengthy discussion it was decided that more information is needed, it was also discussed that it may be in the city's best interest to look at other banking options to better align with the current needs, Adam Ricketts made the motion to table Resolution 12-2026, 2nd by Dallas Wright. A verbal vote was taken; the motion was approved by all council members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Income and Expense Statements for April

- After a brief discussion about revenue transfers within the General Fund and how to reflect this on the statements it was stated by Treasurer Taylor Finley that she would look into it further to reconcile this. There was a motion to accept the reports made by Mike Krebs 2nd by Greg Rogers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote

2. Ordinance 02-2026 – An Ordinance rezoning certain real property in the city of Haskell, Arkansas, from its current zoning classification to Commercial; and for other purposes.

- A motion was made by Greg Rogers, 2nd by Mike Krebs to amend Ordinance 02-2026 to make the zoning classification Town Center Mixed-Use (TC-MU). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote.
- 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 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote
- Recorder/Treasurer Taylor Finley read the heading of Ordinance 02-2026: An Ordinance rezoning certain real property in the City of Haskell, Arkansas, from its current zoning classification to Town Center Mixed-Use (TC-MU); and for other purposes.

- Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, 2nd by Adam Ricketts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote
 - Dallas Wright made the motion to accept Ordinance 02-2026, 2nd by Greg Rogers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote
 - Mike Krebs made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 02-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote
3. **Resolution 13-2026 - A Resolution authorizing the mayor of the City of Haskell to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**
- After a brief overview given by Mayor Crookham that this will fund repairs of culverts and ditches in the city, Brad Cotten made the motion to approve Resolution 13-2026, 2nd by Adam Ricketts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote.
4. **Resolution 14-2026 - A Resolution accepting an appraisal of certain real property located on Chancey Rd, authorizing the mayor to enter into negotiations for the acquisition of said property; and for other purposes**
- After a brief discussion about negotiations for purchasing this property to open the road at the back of Harmony Grove School to alleviate traffic, Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 13-2026, 2nd by Dallas Wright. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent vote.
5. **Resolution 15-2026 – A Resolution accepting an appraisal of certain real property located on North Roosevelt St; authorizing the mayor to negotiate for the acquisition of said property; and for other purposes**
- After a brief discussion about negotiations for purchasing this property to make more room for Emergency Service vehicles to navigate, Mike Krebs made the motion to approve Resolution 13-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote.
6. **Resolution 16-2026 – A Resolution amending the 2026 budget and authorizing the increase to the General Police Budget from the General Fund for a \$60,000.00 increase to the Vehicle Purchase line item.**
- After a brief discussion and overview given by Police Chief Eddie Tackett, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 16-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no/absent vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dallas Wright mentioned that there have been people residing in campers on Roosevelt and had concerns that there is an ordinance prohibiting this, Police Chief Tackett stated that he would inform the Code Enforcement officer so he can check into it.

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