

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, June 8, 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, Josh Helton

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 Jeff Arey, City Attorney Ashley Clancy, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: Mike Marlan and Tristin Phillips with Halff Engineering, Everett Davis with Haskell PD

Motion made by Greg Rogers seconded by Brad Cotten to accept the May 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. It was stated that we were able to get 67% of the LMI grant which was more than anticipated. The TAP grant has been submitted but it is slow getting awarded so we are waiting on that. Should be getting the reimbursement grant for the SSES within 1-2 weeks. Updated water rates should be proposed by the next council meeting.

2. FIRE & RESCUE

- The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. New rescue unit vehicle ready to be put in service within the week.

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, Police Chief Tackett stated Code Enforcement Officer resigned

5. PLANNING COMMISSION

- The report for the Planning Commission meeting was given by Jeff Arey, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Overview of Zoning Regulations in regards to ADUs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Income and Expense Statements for May

- Motion to accept the reports made by Greg Rogers 2nd by Brad Cotten. Motion approved by all council members in attendance

2. Resolution 17-2026 - A Resolution amending the 2026 budget and authorizing the increase to the General Police budget from the General Fund for a \$50,000.00 increase to the Vehicle Purchase line-item.

- After a brief overview given by Police Chief Eddie Tackett, Greg Rogers made the motion to approve Resolution 17-2026, 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 18-2026 - A Resolution amending the 2026 Water/Sewer budget and authorizing the increase to the Equipment budget from the CIF-Sewer Fund for a \$50,000.00 increase to the Water/Sewer Equipment Line-item and accepting Jack Tyler Engineering Inc. quote for the purchase of a new pump.

- An overview was given by Mayor Clyde Crookham and after a brief discussion, Mike Krebs made the motion to approve Resolution 18-2026, 2nd by Adam Ricketts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

4. Resolution 19-2026 - A Resolution declaring certain vehicles, equipment, and personal property owned by the City of Haskell, Arkansas, to be surplus property; authorizing the sale of such property; and for other purposes

- After a brief discussion and description of property given by Mayor Crookham and Police Chief Eddie Tackett, Adam Ricketts made the motion to approve Resolution 19-2026, 2nd by Jim Wells. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.

5. Ordinance 03-2026 – *An Ordinance creating a new nuisance abatement code, setting out regulations to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare as they are impacted by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises within the city of Haskell, AR; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.*

- A brief overview given by Mayor Crookham that this will be a faster process to address condemnation of property which will give authority to the council instead of going through the courts.
 - Brad Cotten made the motion to have the first reading heading only, 2nd by Jim Wells. 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 03-2026
 - Greg Rogers made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes
 - Brad Cotten made the motion to accept Ordinance 03-2026, 2nd by Mike Krebs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes
 - Mike Krebs made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 03-2026, 2nd by Greg Rogers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes
6. **ICE's 287(g) Program Benefits** – Officer Everett Davis presented this stating that the PD is primarily looking at the Task Force Model which allows officers to get training in how to handle suspected aliens. It will also have the opportunity to benefit the city financially with rewards and reimbursements.
- Greg Rogers made the motion to add this to the agenda, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
 - Greg Rogers made a motion to move forward with memorandum of agreement for this 2nd by Jim Wells. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
7. **Ordinance 04-2026** – *An Ordinance amending certain sections of the City of Haskell Zoning Regulations; Declaring an Emergency; and for other purposes.*
- Mike Krebs made the motion to add this item to the agenda, 2nd by Adam Ricketts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes.
 - A brief overview given by Mayor Crookham as well as highlights given by Planning Commission Chair Jeff Arey. Attorney Ms. Clancy gave the legal reasons for the need of this specific Ordinance for our city to be used in combination with what the state law requires.
 - Adam Ricketts 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 04-2026
 - 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 6 yes votes and 2 no/absent votes

- Mike Krebs made the motion to accept Ordinance 04-2026, 2nd by Brad Cotten. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yay votes and 2 no/absent votes
- Brad Cotten made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 04-2026, 2nd by Adam Ricketts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 yay votes and 2 no/absent votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- July Council Meeting changed from the 13th to the 20th due to Clerk/Recorder Taylor Finley being out of the country.
- Mayoral Proclamation for the Harmony Grove Baseball Team-postponed to July 20th meeting due to scheduling conflict.
- Water/Sewer Annual Financial Reports provided for review
- Halff Engineering's Mike Marlan updated the council on sewer annexation progress on property outlined on the map provided as well as Sewer Improvement District details and the sequence of events taking place to implement this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Police Chief Tackett asked that Officer Everett Davis present ICE's 287(g) Program – see item #6
- Kaylee Breckling asked about the progress of buying the property on Roosevelt and Chaney, Mayor Crookham stated that an agreement had to be drawn up and hopefully by next meeting he will have a definitive outcome.

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

