HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, October 12, 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, Brad Cotten, Mike Krebs, Josh Helton, Dallas Wright, Kaylee Breckling, and Jim Wells.

Members not present: Adam Ricketts

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, Code Enforcement Officer Terry Hicks, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten.

Public in attendance: Mark Jacobs, Robert Johnson Jr., Stacey & Kyle Barnett, Amanda Andres, Brandy Garner, Caitlyn & Coe Baker, Chuck McAllister, and MYAC Member Kendall Hebert.

Vacant City Council Position:

At this time Mayor Crookham introduced the Ward 4 Position 1 candidates to the council. Residents Amanda Andres and Mark Jacobs applied for the vacant seat in Ward 4 (Greg Roger's vacant seat). Both candidates took the opportunity to introduce themselves to the council and answer any questions. The mayor then flipped a coin to see who would be voted on first, Amanda Andres won the toss to be voted on first. Amanda Andres was elected by the council to the Ward 4 Position 1 seat with 5 yes votes 1 no and, 1 absent vote. She is to be sworn in before the November meeting.

Motion made by Brad Cotten seconded by Josh Helton to accept the September 14, 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. See Announcements for more information.

2. **FIRE & RESCUE**
   - The report was given by Fire Chief Brian Cotten, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Refurb for the Fire Truck is coming along with no issues.
3. **POLICE**
   - The report was given by Police Chief Eddie Tackett, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
   - The report was given by Code Enforcement Officer Terry Hicks, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Resolutions in review for property abatement and direct billing.
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION**
   - There was no regular meeting this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Income and Expense Statements for September**
   - Motion to accept the reports made by Mike Krebs 2nd by Brad Cotten. Motion approved by all council members in attendance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Water/Wastewater Reports: During the Water/Sewer reports PWD Nancy Duren reported that the Eurofins report for September has shown that the ph. level was low due to UV lights being out, those lights have since been replaced so that should improve. The bacteriological summary reports for water samples 2x a month have consistently been good. She also addressed the Arkansas Rural Water Associations Rate Study and stated they recommend no rate increase this year, but going forward have a 3% rate increase every year following this one. She also stated that according to the Ark Dept of Agriculture we are in compliance with Act 605 and are no longer in fiscal distress. Grants are still in process, but should have more information soon.
- Mayor Crookham announced that the SID (sewer improvement district) for the newly annexed area: the citizens have decided not to pursue it so the City will being getting with Halff Engineering to look into a cheaper alternative to get sewer lines there, should have more information by the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were made.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Finley
Treasurer, City of Haskell

Clyde Crookham Jr.
Mayor, City of Haskell

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