

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2013.

Mayor Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Allen Nash, and Hal Baker. Aldermen Rose Marie Wilkinson, Brad Graham, Ed Simmons, and Gary Vice were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Robert Burson, Roy Carman, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Auditor Scott Lovell, and Jennifer Kelly with Arkansas Health Center.

Mayor Arey called for the reading of the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting. Terry Babbs made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Wastewater Robert Burson gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Streets Mayor Arey reported that the Trace Creek Drainage Project is nearing completion. The surrounding land was donated by the property owners, and the City must maintain watch that the debris does not build back up. The terms of our Mitigation Permit requires the City to clear these five acres and replant with hardwood trees. This project will be done in the Fall.

The Grand Avenue Sidewalk Project is 95% complete.

Fire & Rescue Chief Brian Cotten gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Police In the absence of Chief Mike Holt, the Police Report was given by Mayor Arey. A copy is filed with these minutes.

Court Mayor Arey gave the Court report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Planning Commission Copy of the May 7, 2013 Commission meeting minutes were provided to the Council

Code Enforcement Listing of April contacts

OLD BUSINESS Ordinance 02-2013 An Ordinance to Comply with the Requirements of ACA-24-10-302, as well as all Arkansas law governing the requirement to adopt LOPFI Retirement Coverage

Mayor Arey called for the second reading of Ordinance 02-2013. The Recorder proceeded with the second reading of Ordinance 02-1013.

NEW BUSINESS Review of Water/Sewer Audit

Mr. Scott Lovell, with Yoakum, Lovell & Co. Accounting Firm in Benton, was present to review the recent audit of the City of Haskell Water and Sewer Department for the year ended 2012.

Mr. Lovell reviewed in detail each section of the Audit Report, and asked if there were any comments or questions. A brief discussion followed.

Due to the fact that the City Council voted by Ordinance 01-2013 dated February, 2013 to implement a 20% water increase, Terry Babbs made the motion to rescind the annual 2% water increase (Ord 01-2004). The motion was seconded by Hal Baker, and passed unanimously by yea vote.

Review of State Legislative Audit for 2012

Arkansas Law provides that upon receipt of the Audit Documents from the Division of Legislative Audit, the findings must be submitted to the City Council, and duly noted in the Minutes. A copy of the report was provided to the Council for their review; Mayor Arey reported to the Council that there were no findings. Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. The Council congratulated the City for a job well done.

Review of Parks Use Agreement

Mayor Arey presented a draft of a 2013 Parks Use Agreement by and between the *City of Haskell* and *Future Cardinal Diamond Sports* (formerly the Haskell Youth Club). Mayor Arey stated that it is important to have a written agreement that establishes what the City is responsible for and what the FCDS is responsible for. Mayor Arey also advised that this would be a year-to-year agreement. Before presenting this to the FCDS, Mayor Arey wanted to present it to the City Council for approval. After lengthy discussion, motion was made by Terry Babbs, seconded by Allen Nash, to approve this agreement. A roll call vote was taken; Hal Baker abstained, Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Allen Nash, and Mayor Arey voted yes. The agreement was approved.

Jennifer Kelley, with Arkansas Health Services, came before the Council with a request for support of the 2013 Independence Day Celebration in the amount of \$2,380.00 for portable toilets and entertainment. Mayor Arey noted that the 2013 budget included \$2,000.00 for this event. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, to approve the request for \$2,380.00. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

There being no comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janie Lyman, Recorder