

# HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**February 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, February 8, 2016.

Mayor Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Rose Marie Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Dallas Wright, Ed Simmons, Jennifer Hill, Hal Baker, Roy Carman, and Rose Marie Wilkinson. Raymond Lobbs and Ronnie Ballard were absent. Also present was Mayor Janie Lyman, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Recorder Dori Lyman, Police Chief Jim Bauldree, Daran Robertson, Mike Krebs, Emaline & Jerry Stroud, Kiley Hill, Sydney Bradshaw and Jacob Warner (members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council), and Andrea Warner.

Mayor Lyman called the meeting to order, and called for the reading of the minutes of the January 8, 2016 meeting. Jennifer Hill made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yeas.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**WATER/SEWER** The report was given by Daran Robertson; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The upgrades to the lift stations on Cloud and North Harding are almost completed.

**STREETS** Digging up and raising water meters for reading. Continue patching potholes on South Harding and Hayes.

**FIRE & RESCUE** The report was given by Chief Brian Cotten: a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**POLICE** The report was given by Chief Jim Bauldree; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**COURT** Mayor Lyman gave the court report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** A copy of the report was provided to the Council for review; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tabled motion of Ronnie Ballard's request to pay Roy Carman Volunteer Fire Department retirement pay.

Mayor Lyman stated that she had contacted the Arkansas Municipal League Legal Department to determine if there would be any legal problems in approving this request. She was advised that this action had the potential for any other members to also request retirement pay. As Ronnie Ballard was absent to rescind his motion, and there had been no seconded motion, the issue died.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Lyman noted that many of those present have heard that due to budget cuts, the Arkansas Health Center is closing their Police Department effective July 1, 2016. Mayor Lyman was contacted by Jay Hill of the Health Center for a general discussion of possibilities of a working relationship with the City because of this change. Mayor Lyman will advise of any further discussions.

Mayor Lyman announced that the annual Spring Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This year the event will be held at the back of Harmony Grove School to better deal with traffic.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Emaline Stroud, of the Haskell Museum, gave the annual report of volunteer hours for the year 2015. The Museum was open sixteen (16) times; opened eight (8) times by special request for a total of 993 volunteer hours. There were 118 visitors. Volunteers have installed new doors/screen doors to the facility as well as cleaning the outside area.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Lyman, Recorder

