

## HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**JULY 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Hal Baker.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Dallas Wright, Raymond Lobbs, Roy Carman, Jennifer Hill and Hal Baker. Ronnie Ballard, Rose Marie Wilkinson, and Ed Simmons were absent. Also present was Mayor Janie Lyman, Brad Cotten, Recorder Dori Lyman, Police Chief Jim Bauldree, Daran Robertson, and Emaline & Jerry Stroud.

Mayor Lyman called the meeting to order, and called for the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Roy Carman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**WATER/SEWER** The report was given by Daran Robertson; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. He also reported that the City repaired service line breaks on Grand, Hayes, Walden, Pine, and Lockhart.

**STREETS** Once again the AHC Work Release helped trim limbs from roadway. We continue to patch potholes.

**FIRE & RESCUE** In the absence of Chief Brian Cotten, the Fire Report was given by Brad Cotten; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Brad also advised that plan approvals have been received from the State Health Plumbing Division, the Arkansas Highway Department, and the Arkansas Building Authority. Other steps: finalized terms on the lighting rebate program, advertising for bids on July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>, pre-bid conference to be held at the site on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and bid opening is at 3:00 p.m., August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Haskell City Hall. Daran Robertson made the recommendation to the City Council that they approved the plans (which were included in their packet for review) for Fire Station #3.

Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Roy Carman, to approve the plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yeas vote. Brad also noted that a sign "Future Home of Haskell Fire Department Station 3" will be located on the building site tomorrow. Brad also noted that the Fire Department received "thank you" letters from Benton Mayor David Mattingly and Benton Fire Chief Bill Ford for their assistance on Friday, June 12 at the fire in Benton which completely destroyed the Stride House and the Outpatient Building of the Counseling Clinic on the corner of Sevier and Pearson Streets.

**POLICE** The report was given by Chief Jim Bauldree; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Roy Carman asked to see an additional line on the Police report for DWI citations; Chief stated that he would include that on future reports. A copy of the 2015 proposed "Haskell *Police Department Policy Manual*" was provided to the Council for their review for the August 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**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. Hal Baker provided some Addresses that need code enforcement attention.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES** A copy of the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was provided to the Council; there were no comments or questions.

**OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 04-2015 "levying a tax on all real and personal property in the City of Haskell, Arkansas and for other purposes**

As there was not a quorum present, Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Roy Carman, to table this Ordinance until the August meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by yeas vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review of the Second Quarter Income/Expense Statement**

There were no comments or questions

**Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Audit Water and Sewer Fund**

Notification of finding no exceptions to the procedure as done by the City of Haskell for the Water/Sewer Department

Mayor Lyman gave a brief report on the recent attendance at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League in Little Rock. Others attending from Haskell were Rose Marie Wilkinson, Jennifer Hill, Dallas Wright, and Dori Lyman. The most advantageous lesson learned regarded the passage of Ordinances. According to Mark Hayes (Director of Legal Services) someone makes a motion to suspend the rules and waive the first, second, and third reading of the Ordinance. Motion is seconded. A roll call vote is taken. If suspension is approved, someone makes a motion to approve the Ordinance, second is given, and roll call vote is taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS                      NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS                      NONE

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Lyman, Recorder