The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2015.

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

Mayor Lyman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Roll Call: Aldermen present were Jennifer Hill, Ed Simmons, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Dallas Wright, Hal Baker. Raymond Lobbs, Ronnie Ballard and Roy Carman was absent. Others present were Mayor Janie Lyman, Dori Lyman Treasurer, Police Chief Jim Bauldree, Robert Burson and Chief Brian Cotten.

Mayor Lyman called for the reading of the minutes of April 13, 2015 meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

WATER/SEWER  The report was given by Robert Burson; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Robert advised that costly repairs would be made to rebuild pump stations located at Cloud and North Harding.

STREETS  Potholes are being fixed when they come up. AHC Work Release helped with trimming trees.

FIRE & RESCUE  The report was given by Chief Brian Cotten; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Fire Department purchased a Humvee from the Federal Surplus at a cost of $2500.00 for shipping. It will be used as a brush truck.

POLICE REPORT  The report was given by Chief James Bauldree; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Chief Bauldree recruited 3 more reserve officers.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT  No Report
OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Water and Sewer Audit –

Mr. Zeke Jones, with Yoakum, Lovell & Co., presented the review of the audit of the City of Haskell Water and Sewer Department for the year ended 2014. Mr. Jones reviewed the report in detail.

After Council discussion, Hal Baker made the motion to accept the audit report as presented; the motion was seconded by Jennifer Hill. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

Following the presentation and acceptance of the annual audit, it is the practice of the Council to determine if it is in the best interest of the City to increase the current rates by 2% as provided in Ordinance 01-2013. After lengthy discussion, Ed Simmons made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to amend Ordinance 01-2013 to increase fees from two percent (2%) to four percent (4%) annually. The motion was approved by yea vote.

Review First Quarter Income/Expense Report

There were no comments or questions regarding the report

Resolution 3-2015

Resolution Listing Bids Received, Determining The Lowest and Best Bid and Recommendation of Award of Contracts. – The resolution listed the bids received for Parks Improvement and the acceptance of the lowest bid. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Dallas Wright. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

Dori Lyman, Recorder