

## HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Mayor Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Roy Carman.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members present was Jennifer Hill, Roy Carman, Jeff Harrison, Hal Baker, Rhonda Terry, Dallas Wright, James Scroggins and Ronnie Ballard.

**Others Present:** Mayor Janie Lyman, Recorder Dori Lyman, Chief Brian Cotten, Chief Mike Hardester, and Rodney Lyman with the Planning Commission, Kiley Hill, Jacob Warner, Autumn Davila, and Kaitlyn Fletcher, all from the Mayors Youth Advisory Council; Katy Hill, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Lisa Benbrook, Jason Hill, Douglas and Vanessa Beck, Pam Beck, Warren Kuhn, Christina Borden, Karen Mitchell, Mike Krebs, and Cindy Boykin.

Mayor Lyman declared a quorum present, and called for the reading of the minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Jennifer Hill, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

**WATER/SEWER:** Report was given by Wade Simmons, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**STREETS:** No street report

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

**POLICE:** Report given by Chief Mike Hardester, 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:** No code enforcement report

**PARKS:** Mayor Lyman gave an update on the Parks Grant for the basketball court.

**PLANNING:** A copy of the October and November minutes was provided to the Council for review; there were no comments or questions. A copy is filed with these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cindy Boykin came before the City Council requesting approval for her in-home quilting business. She has already received approval from the Planning Commission. Roy Carman made the motion to approve Ms. Boykins home occupation. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

Jeff Harrison requested approval for the rezoning of his property at E. Elm St. to a PUD. Plans were presented to Council but will need to be signed by the Planning Commission at the December meeting. Roy Carman made the motion to approve the rezoning to PUD upon the signing of Mr. Harrison's plans by the Planning Commission. Hal Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

**ORDINANCE 07-2017, AMENDING ORDINANCE 02-2017, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING OF UNCONSTRUCTED STREETS, IN THE CITY OF HASKELL, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

To change the terminology of 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Hal Baker made the motion to pass ordinance 07-2017. Jeff Harrison seconded. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

**ORDINANCE 08-2017, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING OF A PORTION OF UNCONSTRUCTED STREETS, IN THE CITY OF HASKELL, SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

To vacate a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The portion description is available on survey (a copy of which is filed with these minutes). Hal Baker made a motion to have the first reading, heading only, of the ordinance. Roy Carman seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Heading read by Recorder. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Hal Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the ordinance. Roy Carman seconded motion. Roll call vote taken, motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Hal Baker made a motion to pass Ordinance 08-2017. Roy Carman seconded motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote. At that point, Ms. Lisa Benbrook advised the Council that she owns a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, therefore the word "remaining" is not acceptable for passage of this Ordinance. Ms. Benbrook stated that she would be interested in closing her portion also. After lengthy discussion, Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to table Ordinance 08-2017 until the December meeting in order to correct the wording "remaining" to "portion". Roll call vote was taken; motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Ms. Benbrook was advised of the necessary steps to close her portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORTS WERE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW. There were no comments or questions.**

**2018 Proposed Budget.**

**After a lengthy discussion. James Scroggins mentioned giving the Mayor a pay raise. Mayor Lyman thanked the Council, but declined. Roy Carman made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget. Rhonda Terry seconded motion. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.**

**Staff Changes at the City of Haskell.**

**Dori Lyman's resignation letter for Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer was presented to the Council. Also presented was a recommendation letter from Mayor Lyman recommending that the Council elect Jennifer Hill as Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer. In the event that the Council elected Jennifer Hill for the position of Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer, her resignation for City Council Member; Ward 3, Seat 1 would be presented to the Council. After a lengthy discussion. Dallas Wright made the motion to elect Jennifer Hill as Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer for the remaining term. Rhonda Terry seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; Motion passed with 4 Yeas and 3 Nays.**

**A motion was made by Roy Carman to postpone the appointment of the now vacant City Council, Ward 3, Seat 1 position until the December meeting. Resumes to fill vacancy will be collected. Jeff Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**A resident of Meadowcreek Subdivision, expressed concern about the increasing problem of people exceeding the speed limit inside the Subdivision. Police Chief Mike Hardester will increase Police presence in the Subdivision.**

**There being no further comments or questions, Hal Baker made the motion to adjourn meeting. Ronnie Ballard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder**

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**Janie Lyman, Mayor**

