

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell City Hall on Monday, July 9, 2018

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting. According to ACA 14-44-107 in the absence of the Mayor, the Recorder may preside over the meeting.

Recorder Jennifer Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Recorder Jennifer Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Jeff Harrison.

Recorder Jennifer Hill issued the Oath of Office to Warren Kuhn for Council Member Ward 4, Seat 1.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present were Warren Kuhn, Roy Carman, Brad Cotten, Dallas Wright, Rhonda Terry, and Jeff Harrison.

Recorder Jennifer Hill declared a quorum present. (6/8)

Others in attendance: Recorder/Treasurer Jennifer Hill, Police Chief Mike Hardester, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Water Operator Nancy Duren, Public Works Director Wade Simmons, Katy Hill, Andrea Warner, Jerry and Emaline Stroud, Jacob Warner, Barbara Reiben, Jason Hill, James Cottingham, and Mary Beth Kelloms.

Roy Carman made the motion to accept the June 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Dallas Wright seconded. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

STREETS: Minor street overlays.

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. Chief Hardester informed the Council that the School Resource Officer Patrick Copeland is now a Registered SRO.

COURT: Recorder Jennifer Hill gave the court report; a copy of which is filed with these Minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Copy of report filed with these minutes.

PARKS: Minutes of June 18, 2018 meeting

PLANNING: Minutes of July 3, 2018 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Monthly Income & Expense Report

No questions or comments

Ordinance 05-2018 An Ordinance levying a tax on all real and personal property

Roy Carman made a motion to have the first reading heading only. Brad Cotten seconded. Motion passed unanimously by yeas vote. The Recorder read the heading of Ordinance 05-2018. Roy Carman made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the ordinance. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Roll Call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously by yeas vote. Roy Carman made a motion to pass Ordinance 05-2018. Brad Cotten seconded motion. Roll Call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously by yeas vote.

Discussion of Possible Water Rate Increase

After a brief discussion, Roy Carman made a motion to increase the water/sewer rates using proposal 1 of attached chart. An Ordinance will be made according to this change and presented at the next council meeting.

Discussion of Possible legal action for Fire Dept.

Fire Chief Brian Cotten explained that 128 out of 214 people outside the City Limits have paid their fire dues. Chief Cotten mentioned the possibility of using a Collections Agency to collect the unpaid dues. At 1810 Grand Ave., the fire department responded to a house fire. The homeowner had not paid their dues. The cost of the Fire Department to respond to the fire was \$2000.00. The homeowner was sent a registered letter stating that she had 30 days to pay the fees. The Council will re-visit this after the 30 days is up. Brad Cotten to get the Clerk the required information regarding the Collections Agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recorder Jennifer Hill reminded the Council that the last day to turn in election paperwork is July 27, 2018.

Roy Carman mentioned the City cleaning out the ditches behind City Hall that our city water runs off into. Public Works Director Wade Simmons will contact the home owner and examine if the City can do anything.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. James Cottingham from 221 Hunters Run, came before the Council concerned about his high water bill. His meter was re-read several times and a new meter was installed by the City. After lengthy discussion, Roy Carman made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting when the new readings are available. Rhonda Terry seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

There being no further comments or questions, Roy Carman made the motion to adjourn. Rhonda Terry seconded motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by yea vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Jennifer Hill, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Janie Lyman, Mayor