

**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2014.

Mayor Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer was given by Rose Marie Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Rose Marie Wilkinson, Raymond Lobbs, Edwin Simmons, and Hal Baker. Terry Babbs, Gary Vice, Allen Nash, and Ronnie Ballard were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Lt. Mike Hardester, Robert Burson, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten. Also present was Dallas Wright, Bob Swaim, Emaline and Jerry Stroud, Jason Hill, Roy Carman, Barbara Rieben, Jayme Watson-Bruton, and John Nelson.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Wastewater Robert Burson gave the report; a copy which is filed with these minutes. Mayor Arey noted that there were two more water main breaks since last month's meeting, and two service lines that had to be repaired. We have installed two of the five valves that were approved at the July 14th meeting. In addition, we have located another section of the concrete wall at the South Sewer Plant that is failing. We are working with Engineer Fred Oswald for solutions to remedy this; costs will most likely be extensive

Streets We continue to do pot hole patching, mowing right-of-ways, and some drainage problems; the unusual amount of rainfall has been a hindrance. We are making progress at the cul-de-sac on Spring Branch. However, the condition of the sub-base was worse than thought, and is requiring more repairs than expected.

Fire & Rescue Mayor Arey gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Police Lt. Mike Hardester gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Court Mayor Arey gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Code Enforcement Mayor Arey gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Parks Mayor Arey advised that construction of the new restrooms at the park should begin soon. He also advised that he has a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. with Arkansas Parks & Tourism for a walk-through to discuss what we plan to apply for (playground equipment) in our application for a Parks Grant in 2015.

Mayor Arey then introduced Jason Hill who is with Future Cardinal Diamond Sports. A report generated by Jennifer Hill with the Future Cardinal Diamond Sports was provided to the Council. Jason gave a brief summary of the report, and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 02-2014 Second Reading an Ordinance amending Paragraph 2, Section 3, of Ordinance 01-2013 for the Purpose of Increasing the Currently Established fees from Two Percent (2%) Annually to Four Percent (4%) Annually for Water and Sewer Service by the City of Haskell, Arkansas, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to proceed with the second reading of Ordinance 02-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman gave the second reading, in its entirety, of Ordinance 02-2014.

Ordinance 03-2014 Second Reading an Ordinance levying a tax on all Real and Personal Property in the City of Haskell

Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to proceed with the second reading of Ordinance 03-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman gave the second reading, in its entirety, of Ordinance 03-2014

Resolution 05-2014 Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Raymond Lobbs, to table this Resolution until the September 8, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 07-2014 a Resolution to Amend the Water/Sewer Budget, line item Repairs-Plant Line, increasing budgeted amount of \$50,000 to \$70,000 for the purchase of five (5) valves, and additional pump station expenses. Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to read Resolution 07-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman gave the reading of Resolution 07-2014 in its entirety. Motion was made by Hal Baker, seconded by Ed Simmons, to approve Resolution 07-2014. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

Ordinance 04-2014 an Ordinance Creating a Master List of Streets which are Eligible to be Maintained by the City of Haskell; Providing a Procedure for making Amendments to the Master Street List; Declaring and Emergency; and for other Purposes
Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to have the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 04-2014. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 04-2014.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Janie Lyman, Recorder