

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Terry Babbs, Allen Nash, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Brad Graham, Dwayne Hippensteel, Hal Baker, and Gary Vice. Alderman Ronnie Ballard was absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Police Chief Mike Holt, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Water/Sewer Supt. Bobby Westbrook, City Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Ray & Jamie Bennett, Roy Carman, and Bo Watkins and Sara Hopper representing Harp's.

Mayer Arey called the meeting to order, and declared a quorum present. He asked the Recorder to read the minutes of the November 14th meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Brad Graham, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

WATER/SEWER Supt. Bobby Westbrook gave the water report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. NEW SEWER PROJECT: started the new plant on November 20th, it ran for approximately seven days, and had to be shut down after encountering some major electrical problems with the relay switches. The necessary parts have been ordered, and should be working soon.

STREETS The City continues to clean ditches and culverts.

FIRE & RESCUE Fire Chief Brian Cotten gave the fire report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

POLICE Chief Mike Holt gave the police report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION A copy of the minutes of the November 1st meeting were included in the Council packet. Mayor Arey asked if there were any comments or questions concerning the minutes; there were none.

CODE ENFORCEMENT No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission approval of preliminary plat for Harp's Grocery

Mayor Arey noted, as stated in the Planning Commission minutes, that preliminary plat approval was given contingent upon Harp's widening the easement for the left turn lane at Hwy 229, the sidewalk cut in at Hwy 229 (must have Ark. Hwy. approval), and an additional fire hydrant. Sara Hopper with Harp's and Bo Watkins, engineer, were in attendance, and Mayor Arey asked if there were any comments or questions; there were none. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission. A Roll Call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

At last month's meeting, Ray Bennett came before the Council requesting that the City Council have a building removed that has been built on his property. At that time, City Attorney Sam Ed Gibson advised that a hearing was scheduled before Judge Curtis Rickard on November 29, 2011 for a ruling on the citation for not obtaining a building permit. Motion was made and seconded to table this discussion until after the court appearance.

Included in this month's Council packet was a letter to Mayor Arey from City Attorney Sam Ed Gibson giving a synopsis of the status of this November 29th Haskell District Court trial of the Haskell v. Hudspeth case.

Mr. Gibson gave a lengthy and thorough explanation regarding this case, and as noted in his letter, Judge Rickard ruled that he would suspend imposition of sentence on Mr. Hudspeth until February 21, 2012. The Judge admonished Mr. Hudspeth that if Mr. Hudspeth obtains a building permit, and brings his building into compliance with the applicable building codes prior to February 21, 2012, the court would take that action into consideration at the imposition of sentence. The Court directed the City to report prior to February 21, 2012, whether Mr. Hudspeth had complied with the permit and code requirements. Mr. Gibson advised the City Council to take no action until after the February 21st court date.

REDISTRICTING OF WARDS

Motion was made and seconded at the November 14th meeting to table this issue until this December 12th meeting.

Three alternative plans, based on ward growth, were provided by Metro-Plan for review. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Brad Graham, to adopt Alternative #1. The motion was passed unanimously by yea vote.

Alternative #1 will retain all current aldermen, but moving Hal Baker from Ward 3 to Ward 4, and Gary Vice moving from Ward 4 to Ward 3. Mayor Arey noted that he would contact Metro-Plan to provide a new legal description of each ward, and would present an Ordinance at the January, 2012 meeting.

PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET

Motion was made and seconded at the November 14th meeting to table this issue until this December 12th meeting.

Mayor Arey advised that he expects the year-to-date income figures to increase, which will be reflected in the final budget presented to the Council in January, 2012. Mayor Arey continued with an overview of each Department, calling attention to changes in some line items, and asking for any comments or questions. Fire Chief Brian Cotten gave the overview of the fire department budget.

One item that is not included in the Water/Sewer budget is the equipment used to monitor and turn on and off at the water towers. We have been experiencing trouble with this equipment (purchased in

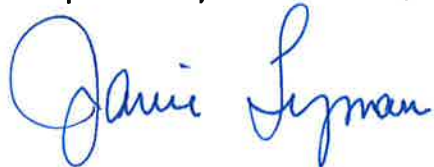
1994) for quite some time, and it is not expected to last for any length of time. Bobby Westbrook is currently looking into the cost of replacing this computerized equipment. He has two proposals at this time; lowest is \$35,000.00 and highest is \$57,000.00. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Brad Graham, to table this issue until the January, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE

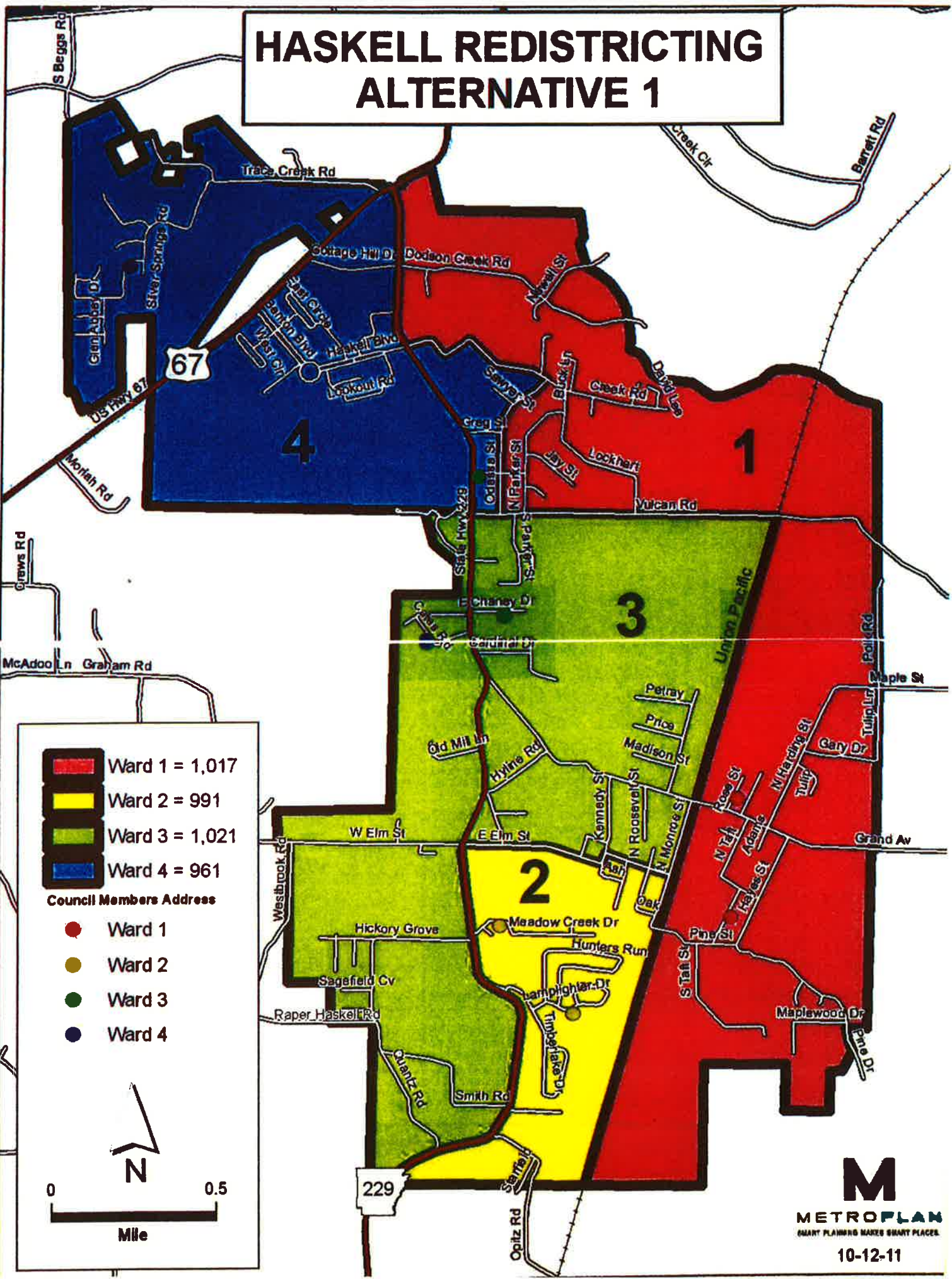
There being no further comments or questions, motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

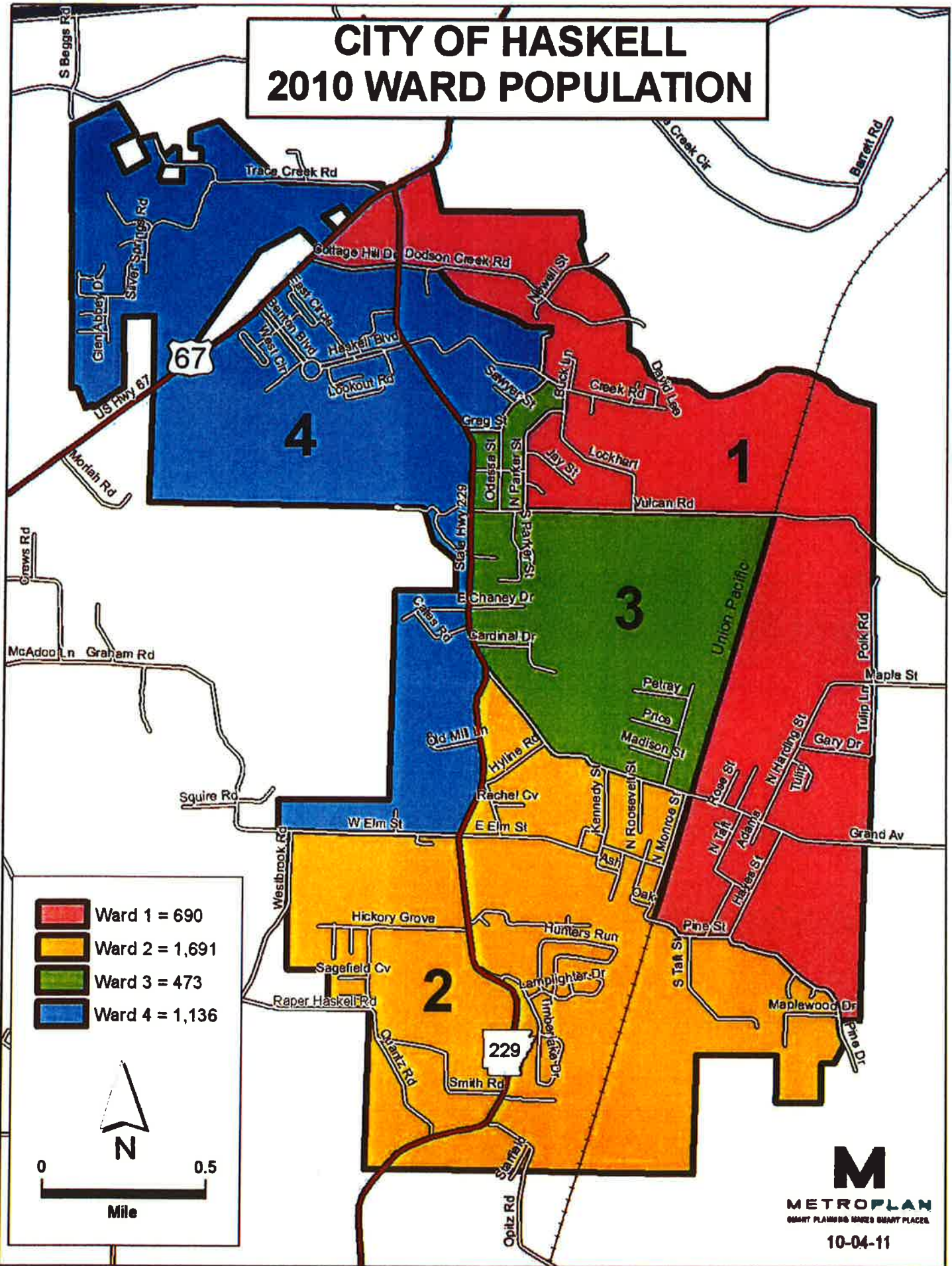
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Janie Lyman, Recorder

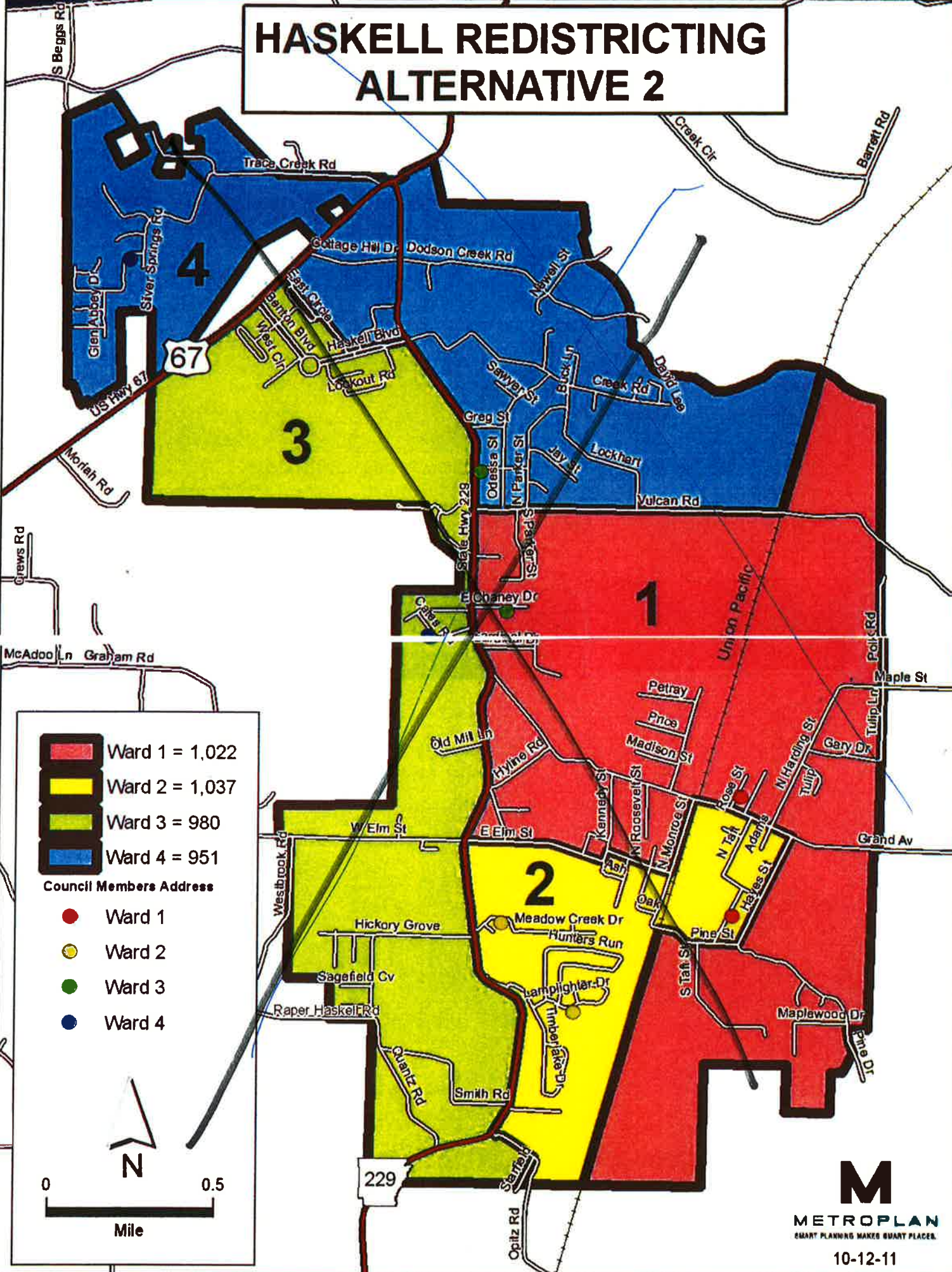
HASKELL REDISTRICTING ALTERNATIVE 1



CITY OF HASKELL 2010 WARD POPULATION

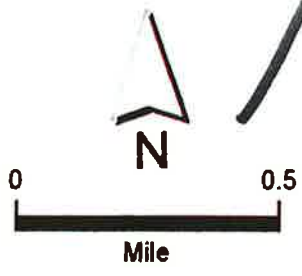


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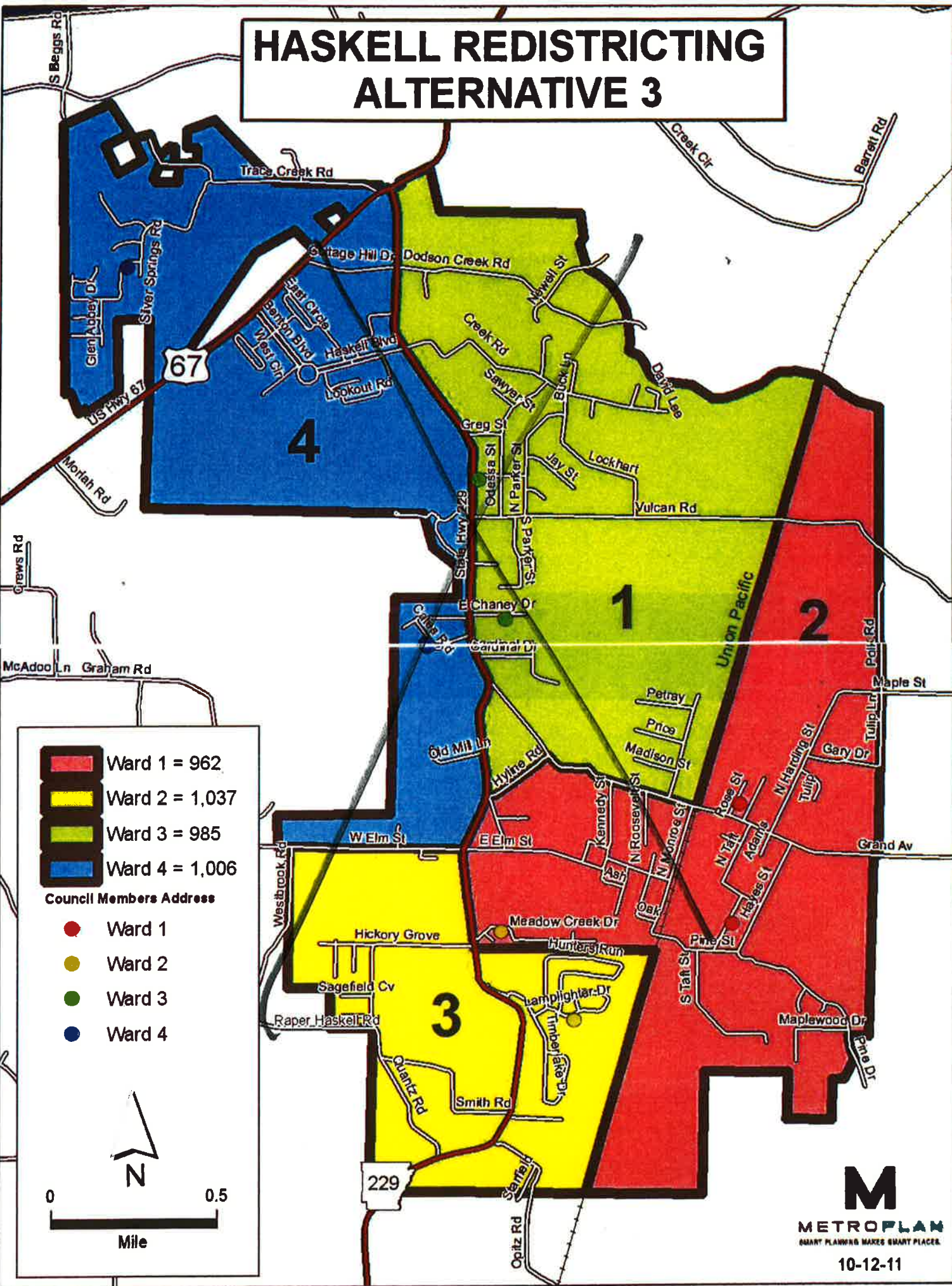


- Ward 1 = 1,022
- Ward 2 = 1,037
- Ward 3 = 980
- Ward 4 = 951

- Council Members Address**
- Ward 1
 - Ward 2
 - Ward 3
 - Ward 4



HASKELL REDISTRICTING ALTERNATIVE 3



- Ward 1 = 962
- Ward 2 = 1,037
- Ward 3 = 985
- Ward 4 = 1,006

Council Members Address

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

