

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 10, 2012.

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

Mayor Arey introduced Michael Grape who is the Executive Director of the Saline County Solid Waste Management District. Mayor Arey gave his appreciation for the support we have received from the County, and further stated that he and Mr. Grape have talked for sometime about a possible curb-side pick-up and curb-side recycling pick up program.

The Mayor also noted that several of the Haskell Police Officers were present: Josh Helton, Jermeij Schoff, and Jimmy Foreman.

The Mayor introduced Michelle Eckhoff and Paige Mitchell, members of the Mayor's Youth Council. They were later joined by Lydia Windsor

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Allen Nash, and Hal Baker. Brad Graham and Gary Vice were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, and Police Chief Mike Holt. Mayor Arey declared a quorum present.

Mayor Arey then introduced Ed Simmons, a longtime resident of this Community, currently residing in Silver Springs Subdivision. It is the recommendation of Mayor Arey that Mr. Simmons be appointed to the Haskell City Council to fill the vacancy of Dwayne Hippensteel. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Ed Simmons to the Haskell City Council, Ward 4, Position 1. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

The Mayor called for the reading of the minutes of the November 12th meeting. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Sewer In the absence of Supt. Bobby Westbrook, the report was given by Mayor Arey; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Mayor Arey reported that he had received an update from the Water Director at Arkansas Health Center, who stated that they have approximately three feet left to drain from the reservoir. A State engineer will then inspect the reservoir. He feels confident that the Arkansas Health Center will soon be able to provide water to the City of Haskell.

Streets No report

Fire & Rescue Chief Brian Cotten was in Chicago, therefore the report was given by Mayor Arey. A copy of this report is filed with these minutes.

Police Chief Mike Holt 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.

Planning Commission No Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 12-2012 A Resolution Supporting Legislation to Improve Sales Tax Collection Information from the Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration.

Alderman Terry Babbs called for the Recorder to read the heading only of Resolution 12-2012. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the reading of the heading only . Terry Babbs made the motion to approve Resolution 12-2012; the motion was seconded by Ronnie Ballard, and passed unanimously by yea vote.

Ordinance 05-2012 An Ordinance Providing Minimum Energy Standards for the Design of New Buildings and Structures or Portions and Additions to Existing Buildings that Provide Facilities or Shelter for Public Assembly, Education, Business, Mercantile, Institutional, Storage, and Residential Occupancies, as well as those Portions of Factory and Industrial Occupancies Designed for Human Occupancy by Regulating their Exterior Envelopes and the Selection of their HVAC, Service Water Heating, Electrical Distribution and Illuminating Systems and Equipment for Effective Use of Energy.

Terry Babbs made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, for the Recorder to proceed with the first reading of Ordinance 05-2012, reading the heading only. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the first reading of Ordinance 05-2012.

As we have not received the new code books, Mayor Arey recommended that Ordinance 05-2012 be tabled until the January, 2013 meeting. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to table Ordinance 05-2012. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

OLD BUSINESS Water/Sewer Rate Study

We were unable to gather all the information necessary to complete the rate study. We plan to have this information for the January, 2013 meeting.

2nd Draft Preliminary 2013 Budget

Mayor Arey opened for discussion the revised proposed 2013 budget, noting that there were very few changes made from the 1st draft. He also advised that he expects the year-to-date income figures to increase, which will be reflected in the final budget presented to the City Council at the January, 2013 meeting. Discussion followed.

LUZA Fund Project

As previously discussed at the September 10, 2012 meeting, Mayor Arey advised the City Council that the City of Haskell currently has a balance of \$104,992.00 in LUZA (Local Urbanized Area) funds; a local match of 20% (\$26,248.00) is required. In order to meet the deadline for requesting these funds, the City of Haskell must have a project selected, the design completed, and firm cost estimates to them before the end of this year (2012). At that meeting, Mayor Arey presented six possible projects for the Council to review:

- Item 1 Trail and bridge from park to Meadow Creek Drive \$36,750
- Item 2 Trail from park to Roosevelt Street \$20,500
- Item 3 Trail from Meadow Creek Drive to Hunters Run \$119,688
- Item 4 Sidewalk from City Hall to Intersection of Grand and
Hwy 229 \$13,500
- Item 5 Sidewalk from Intersection of Grand and Hwy 229 to
Intersection of Grand and Hyline Drive \$63,000
- Item 6 Sidewalk from Intersection of Grand and Hyline Drive to
Intersection of Grand and Kennedy \$163,125

Item 1, Item 3 and Item 4 were selected.

Mayor Arey now advises that Item 1 and Item 3 are not going to work out, and asked the Council to select another project. After discussion, the Council selected Item 5, and Item 6 (for as far as the funds would go toward reaching Kennedy). Bids for these projects will be taken at the City Hall on December 20, 2012.

Mayor Arey also announced that bids would be taken at the City Hall on December 20, 2012 for the Safe Routes to School monies that have been granted to provide a sidewalk from Mitchell Drive to Vulcan Road.

The deadline for the next Safe Routes to School monies is February 28, 2013. After brief discussion, Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to continue the sidewalk from Vulcan Road to Greg Street. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Municipal League Winter Conference will be held at the Statehouse Convention Center January 11-13, 2012. If you wish to attend, the City of Haskell will cover the registration fee. Please notify Janie Lyman no later than December 13th if you are attending.

COMMENTS:

Ronnie Ballard addressed the Council regarding annexation into the City of Haskell property located+ along Hwy 67. A lengthy discussion followed, with the suggestion being made by Terry Babbs that Mayor Arey, in the next few months, look into finding out how much the cost of an annexation study would be.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Janie Lyman, Recorder