

**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MARCH 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2014.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Raymond Lobbs, and Allen Nash. Hal Baker, Gary Vice, and Ed Simmons were absent. Others present were Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Police Chief Mike Holt, Michelle Eckhoff and Sunny Keese from the Mayor's Youth Council, and Patrick Rhodes.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting. Motion was made by Terry Babbs, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

Mayor Arey then introduced Patrick Rhodes who works as the County Neighborhood/Crime Watch Coordinator, and Deputy Circuit Clerk. Mr. Rhodes came to speak regarding an important document for veterans named DD-214. A copy is needed to claim benefits such as the GI Bill and VA loans. In addition, many employers will give a hiring preference to veterans with a copy of the DD-214. The Department of Defense advises all discharged personnel to file a copy of their DD-214 at their local court house. In Arkansas, the Circuit Clerk's office is the place to file a copy; filing is free. Mayor Arey thanked Mr. Rhodes for addressing the Council.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Water/Sewer** Mayor Arey gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. He advised that there have been some problems with the lifts at the pump stations; we are rebuilding some, but others may need to be replaced.

**STREETS** the Arkansas Department of Corrections Work Release continues to aid the City crew in cleaning ditches. The Arkansas Highway Department is cleaning and digging out ditches along sections of State Hwy 229.

There are some particular drainage issues on Sahalee Cove and Spring Branch Drive which may require additional digging and bringing in rocks.

A walk-thru meeting was held with the Arkansas Highway Department for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk that will go from Vulcan Road to Greg Drive. Mayor Arey has been advised by the engineer that the plans are 30% completed.

**Fire & Rescue** Chief Brian Cotten gave the report; a copy of which 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.

**Code Enforcement** copies of the January and February reports were given to the Council. Per last month's approval by the City Council, Mayor Arey contacted our attorney, Sam Ed Gibson, to file a civil suit against Mr. George Brooks (violation of City Cleaning Code).

**Parks** Mayor Arey advised that the Parks Grant is moving slower than expected; the plans have not been returned by our architect. When we receive these plans, they will be forwarded to Arkansas Parks & Tourism for their approval. Upon their approval, we can proceed with bids.

**OLD BUSINESS**                      **NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**                      **NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**                      **NONE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Labor for Your Neighbor meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Haskell City Hall

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Janie Lyman, Recorder