

APRIL 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2014.

Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman led in the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Roy Carman.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Terry Babbs, Ed Simmons, Allen Nash, and Hal Baker. Aldermen Ronnie Ballard, Gary Vice, Rose Marie Wilkinson, and Raymond Lobbs were absent. Also present was Roy Carman and Dallas Wright.

In the absence of Mayor Arey, Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman presided over the meeting. There being no questions, comments, or corrections to the minutes, Ms. Lyman entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Alan Nash, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Sewer Robert Burson gave the water report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Ms. Lyman stated that the Water/Sewer audit was completed last month, and we expect a report from Auditor Scott Lovell at the May meeting.

Streets Ms. Lyman gave the report that was provided by Mayor Arey. Due to the severe winter weather, potholes and road base failure will be a major issue this spring and summer, and will be a major expense that was not anticipated. We will be increasing our efforts to patch and repair; and ask everyone to have patience as we try to keep up with those increased efforts and conduct our regular duties. These increased costs will most likely reduce the amount of overlay that we wanted to complete this year.

Our guys have been working extremely hard on a major road failure on Sahlee Street in Silver Springs. We found an underground spring in the road bed that was no doubt causing the issue. That area was about 200 feet long and ran the

entire width of the road and had to be removed in depths up to 4 feet. A French drain was installed and then backfilled with B stone and SB2 gravel. We have a similar situation in the cul-de-sac of Springbranch Road and will be moving there next. Robert Burson answered questions regarding these situations.

In addition, because of the 2010 census, Haskell's increased population caused us to have to comply with MS-4 storm water permitting. Simply put, there is a Federal mandate that requires that Haskell now monitor the storm drains in the City and try and eliminate any contamination that could possibly enter the storm drains and eventually reach our rivers and streams. Our plan will have six control measures: Public education and outreach, Public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post construction runoff control, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. We started putting this plan together last year with the help of McClelland Engineers. Our latest efforts have been Public Education and Outreach. We developed a mail-out to educate the public on best practices at home, a tri-fold brochure about construction runoff, and bookmarks.

Also, we had a walk thru meeting with Arkansas Highway & Transportation officials on our latest Safe Routes to School Project. Our goal for this project is to extend sidewalks from Vulcan Rd to Greg St, which is right across from the entrance into Mary Kennelly Park. Our grant was for \$58,000, so until we bid the project, we will not know if the grant funds will be enough to achieve our goal of reaching the park.

Fire & Rescue In the absence of Fire Chief Brian Cotten, the report was given by Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes. We have made a grant application with FEMA to help fund a needs assessment for the fire district. This will be geared towards identifying activities that can lower the ISO rating for the district. In short, a contractor would be hired and will, in detail, assess the current capabilities of the fire district. Equipment, vehicles, firefighter training, locations, structures, water sources, water availability, distances between two story structures, and water sources, etc. Then the contractor will calculate what the needs/gaps are and help develop a plan to close those gaps in order to provide the best fire protection services. Once the City completes those projects that will close those gaps, it should lower the ISO rating and save homeowners and businesses on their insurance premiums. Total

cost is \$27,000 which includes \$25,000 for CAPDD services who helped write the grant. The City would be required to provide a 5% match; FEMA picks up the other 95%. The cost to Haskell would be \$1,350.

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

Court Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Parks We should be scheduling the bid opening for the restrooms and playground within the next few weeks. The process for the plan review and approval took longer than we anticipated. We were hoping that we would already be under construction by this time; our goal was to have the project completed by July but that seems unlikely at this point.

Planning Commission a copy of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held April 1st was provided to the Council. Planning Chairman Roy Carman answered questions.

Code Enforcement A copy of contacts made for the month of March was provided to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- (1)** Police Chief Mike Holt announced that Saturday, April 26th is Operation Drug Take Back
- (2)** The Mayor's Youth Council Advisory Council will be having a Stream Team clean up event on Saturday April 26th. This is the group's second annual clean up event on Trace Creek. The group adopted the area of Trace Creek from the Elm Street Bridge down to the ballpark. Any and all that want to come help that day are welcome, and can meet the group at the ballpark about 8:30 a.m.

(3) Haskell will be taking part in the Great American Clean-Up on Saturday, May 10th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be trash dumpsters and recycle dumpsters located in front of the Harmony Grove School; you can discard your unwanted junk and debris for FREE. Labor for Your Neighbor volunteers have organized this event and will be present to help people off load and separate their items into the correct containers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janie Lyman, Recorder

