

## **HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **February 11, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2013

Mayor Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Councilman Brad Graham.

**ROLL CALL:** Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Brad Graham, Gary Vice, Allen Nash, and Hal Baker. Ed Simmons was absent. Others present : Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Police Chief Mike Holt, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Bobby Westbrook, Robert Burson, Lt. Mike Hardester, Officers Jimmy Foreman, Josh Helton, and Charles Snider, Brent Davis (Benton Courier), Amanda Merrill (Safe Routes to School), Jerry & Emaline Stroud, and Meagan Foote (Mayor's Youth Council).

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting. Motion was made by Brad Graham, seconded by Hal Baker, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Water/Sewer** Supt. Bobby Westbrook gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

**Streets** Mayor Arey noted that the work you may have noticed being done at Mitchell Drive and Hwy 229 is the next phase of the Safe Routes to School project. Construction of the sidewalk from Mitchell Drive to Vulcan Road is being done by Harris Construction, who made the winning bid of \$24,239.00. The contract calls for the Project to be

completed in 45 days, but Mr. Harris predicted to be finished in two weeks.

Another sidewalk project from Grand Ave & Hwy 229 down to Kennedy Street should be starting within the next thirty days. Construction is being done by Melchor Construction, who gave a bid of \$98,279.44. Monies for this project are from LUZA Funds.

Mayor Arey also gave an update regarding the Trace Creek Drainage Improvement Project we have been waiting for since February of 2009. Late last month we obtained our Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. We have received our Notice to Proceed from Arkansas Economic Development Commission, who is the Grant Administrator for this Project; the total cost is about \$180,000.00. We are advertising a bid opening for March 5th at 10:00 a.m. This Project will basically begin at the end of Gathering House and Hunters Run, onward to and beyond the railroad tram. We will also remove approximately 6,000 cubic yards of old railroad beds.

**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. Lt. Hardester introduced our new fulltime Officer Jimmy Foreman, and new Reserve Officer Charles Snider.

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

**Planning Commission** Election of Officers for 2013

**Code Enforcement** listing presented of January contacts

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Third reading of **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

Primarily for Human Occupancy by Regulating their Exterior Envelopes and the Selection of the HVAC, Service Water Heating, Electrical Distribution and Illuminating Systems and Equipment for Effective Use of Energy.

Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson , for the Recorder to proceed with the third reading, heading only, of Ordinance 05-2012. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the third reading, heading only, of Ordinance 05-2012. Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to approve Ordinance 05-2012. A roll call vote was taken, Ordinance 05-2012 passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 01-2013** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 01-2004 for the Purpose of Establishing New Rates for Water and Sewer Service by the City of Haskell, Arkansas, and Declaring an Emergency.

Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, for the Recorder to have the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 01-2013. Motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 01-2013. Brad Graham made the motion, seconded by Allen Nash, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Brad Graham made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to approve Ordinance 01-2013. A roll call vote was taken; Ordinance 01-2013 passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS: Resolution -5-2013** A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the City of Haskell to Utilize Federal-Aid Moneys for Infrastructure Project Funding for Arkansas Safe Routes to School Program

Mayor Arey advised that this funding would continue the sidewalk from Vulcan Road to Greg Street. Hal Baker made the motion to have the Recorder read the heading only; Terry Babbs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the reading of the heading only. Resolution 05-2013 passed unanimously by yea vote.

**Resolution 06-2013** A Resolution Adopting Policy and Procedures Manual of the Haskell Police Department as Declared by the Chief of Police

After a brief discussion, Terry Babbs made the motion, seconded by Allen Nash, to approve Resolution 06-2013. Resolution 06-2013 passed unanimously by yeas vote.

**Resolution 07-2013** A Resolution Amending the 2013 Budget and Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment for the Haskell Police Department and Setting Limits

Mayor Arey reminded the Council that discussion was held at the January meeting as to the equipment needs of the Police Department in their plan to further protect Harmony Grove/Westbrook Elementary School, and the City, in the event of any possible dangerous situation. In order to accomplish these goals, the Police Department requested the purchase of six patrol duty assault rifles, duty rounds, training rounds, and a breaching shotgun. This Resolution approves increasing the 2013 Police Department Equipment budget by \$7500.00 to cover the above expenses. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to approve Resolution 07-2013. Resolution 07-2013 passed unanimously by yeas vote.

Officer Josh Helton, with a patrol duty assault rifle in hand, gave a demonstration of the features of the rifle. As to the breaching shotgun: Lt. Hardester advised that a shotgun seized by the Arkansas State Police, that they turned over to the Haskell Police Department, is perfect set up as a breaching shotgun.

Hal Baker asked if these rifles would be carried inside the Patrol car or in the trunk. This led to a lengthy discussion, resulting in a motion by Hal Baker, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to amend the Police Equipment Budget by \$950.00 to purchase six locking gun mounts for the cab of the Patrol Cars. A Resolution will be presented at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Arey advised that the *Great American Clean-up* begins March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through May 31<sup>st</sup>. He would like to hold another event like the City held last year. He asked that those interested in helping to plan this event, please contact him soon so that plans could be finalized and a date set that could be presented at the March 11, 2013 Council meeting.

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission has a Program called *Arkansas Stream Team*. The Mayors Youth Council has become part of this Program, and has selected an area of Trace Creek from Elm Street to the Haskell Ball Park. The clean-up date is set for Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Mayor announced a City of Haskell Picnic to be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mary Kennelly Park for employees, elected Officials, and City volunteers and their families. All the details are not completed at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Lyman, Recorder