

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2013.

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

Before proceeding with the meeting, Mayor Arey issued the Oath of Office to the Aldermen. One new Alderman, Ed Simmons, joined the Council this year to fill the vacancy of incumbent Dwayne Hippensteel.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Terry Babbs, Brad Graham, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Ed Simmons, Gary Vice, Allen Nash, and Hal Baker. Ronnie Ballard was absent. Others present were Mayor Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Police Chief Mike Holt, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Bobby Westbrook, Roy Carman, Fred Oswald, Tracy Hagerty, Dedra Gaiser, Officer Josh Helton, and Sgt. Mike Hardester.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting. Motion was made by Brad Graham, seconded by Gary Vice, 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 reported that the Street Department cleared right-of-ways, and limbs after the winter storm

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.

Mayor Arey, Chief Holt, and Sgt Hardester have worked closely with Harmony Grove School Superintendent Danny Henley to devise a workable plan to help protect the school in the event of any possible dangerous situation.

Sgt. Hardester gave a presentation to discuss the actions and training that the Haskell Police Department has taken in the event of an emergency situation at the school.

All Officers are required to attend a mandatory Active Shooter training class at the Benton Police Department, and attend an active shooter course once a year to keep their training up to date. Cross training with the Police Department and the Fire Department is set to begin immediately. Many other programs are set in motion. In order to accomplish these goals, the Police Department is requesting the purchase of six (6) patrol duty assault rifles, duty rounds, training rounds, and a breaching shotgun. In addition, all Officers need to have a fully packed field medic pack.

Hal Baker asked that a list of items needed and the cost be presented at the February 11, 2013 Council meeting.

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

Planning Commission no meeting

Code Enforcement a listing of contacts made were provided to the Council

Mayor Arey reported that the winter storm we had on Christmas night caused minimal property damage, however, there were lengthy power outages in some areas. As in the past, there was disruption of City services. Fuel for the police cars and fire trucks could not be pumped, overhead doors at the fire station had to be operated manually, the Water Department couldn't tell how much water was in the tanks, or if they were pumping . The street workers that were out clearing trees from the roadways had no place to go to get warm. It would be of great advantage to the City to have a standby natural gas generator that would

operate the City Hall, the shop and the Fire Station. The cost of a generator to fill these needs will cost approximately \$40,000.00; this includes the generator, total components, and installation. Hal Baker made the motion to purchase the generator, along with necessary equipment, and update the 2013 budget to include this amount. Brad Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by yeavote.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

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

Water/Sewer Rate Study

At the request of the Haskell City Council at their November 12, 2012 meeting, Mr. Fred Oswald, of Oswald Engineering, was present to give the results of his recent water study. A lengthy presentation followed, whereby Mr. Oswald gave a breakdown of the debt owed for water and sewer, and our principal and interest payments for those obligations. The cost breakdown that was shown for customer accounting and general administration, as well as water distribution and purchase, were taken from the latest water and sewer audit. It is Mr. Oswald's recommendation that we take those costs for debt, customer accounting and general administration, water distribution and purchase, and then add in .50 per 1000 gallons for depreciation funding for both water rate and sewer rate, roughly a 20% increase.

After lengthy discussion, Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion to accept Mr. Oswald's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ed Simmons. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. An Ordinance will be presented at the February 11, 2013 meeting.

Final Draft 2013 Budget

Mayor Arey presented the final draft of the 2013 Budget; a question and answer period followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 01-2013 A Resolution Providing for the Adoption of a Budget for the City of Haskell, Arkansas, for the Twelve (12) months Beginning January 1, 2013 and Ending December 31,2013, Appropriating Money for Each Item of Expenditure Therein Provided for; Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes

Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, to have the reading of the heading only of Resolution 01-2013. Recorder

Janie Lyman read the heading only of Resolution 01-2013. Roll Call vote was taken; Resolution 01-2013 passed unanimously.

Resolution 02-2013 A Resolution Amending the 2012 Budget, to be in Compliance with Arkansas Code 14-58-203

Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Brad Graham, to have the reading of the heading only of Resolution 02-2013. Recorder

Janie Lyman read the heading only of Resolution 02-2013. Roll Call vote was taken; Resolution 02-2013 passed unanimously.

Resolution 03-2013 A Resolution Accepting the Revenue vs. Expenditures Report for the Fiscal Year 2012

Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Allen Nash, to approve Resolution 03-2013. A Roll Call vote was taken; Resolution 03-2013 passed unanimously.

Resolution 04-2013 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Arrange for Financing and Giving Signatory Authority to the Mayor to Purchase Certain Equipment and Setting Limits.

Brad Graham made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to approve Resolution 04-2013. A Roll Call vote was taken; Resolution 04-2013 passed unanimously.

Recommendation for Appointment to the Planning Commission

Mayor Arey had previously advised the Council that there were two (2) members on the Planning Commission whose term expired at the end of 2012. Mayor Arey introduced Tracy Hagerty and Dedra Gaiser, and made recommendation that they be appointed to fill the positions on the Planning Commission. Terry Babbs made the motion, seconded by Allen Nash, to approve this recommendation. Motion was approved unanimously by ye a vote.

There being no comments or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janie Lyman, Recorder