

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 12, 2012.

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

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Brad Graham, Gary Vice, and Hal Baker. Terry Babbs, Rose Marie Wilkinson, and Allen Nash were absent. Others present were Emaline & Jerry Stroud, Engineer Fred Oswald, Larry Davis, Police Chief Mike Holt, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Lauren Dempsey and Erica Page with the Mayor's Youth Council, James Scroggins, Bobby Westbrook, Mayor Jeff Arey, and Recorder Janie Lyman.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present, and called for the reading of the minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting. Brad Graham made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

A letter of resignation from Alderman Dwayne Hippensteel was read by Mayor Arey. Mr. Hippensteel has moved from the Haskell area.

Mayor Arey introduced Larry Davis who has been appointed to fill the position vacated by Steve Moore on the Planning Commission. Mr. Davis has previously served the City of Haskell on the Planning Commission, and as an alderman on the City Council.

Mayor Arey also made the recommendation to appoint James Scroggins (resident of Silver Springs) to the Planning Commission to fill the position vacated by Dwayne Hippensteel. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Brad Graham, to approve the Mayor's recommendation. 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 pot holes were patched and mowing of right-of-ways continued. After diverting a natural spring, street repairs were finished on Glen Abby in Silver Springs Subdivision.

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.

Planning Commission Brad Graham gave a brief overview of the approval of final plat for Rolling Meadows Estate

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

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS COST OF WATER

Mayor Arey noted that over the past couple of months, he has kept the Council informed regarding the issues of our water supply from Arkansas Health Center. AHC has worked diligently trying to solve the issues and provide quality water. Around the middle of September, talk with AHC led to them asking us to temporally purchase all of our water from Southwest until AHC could solve the issues. This was expected to be just a couple of weeks; we are now going on 10 weeks. Currently, there is no issue with the quality of water or the quantity of water that we can purchase from Southwest. But the difference in the wholesale

rate from AHC and Southwest is significant, and could put Haskell in financial difficulty if continued without being addressed.

Mayor Arey asked Fred Oswald, Haskell's longtime engineer/advisor on water and sewer issues, to address the Council to discuss possible steps that may need to be taken.

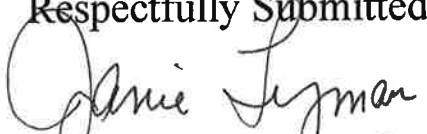
Mr. Oswald had prepared a **Water Cost Analysis** which was included in the Council packet. Purchasing water from AHC cost \$1.11/1000 gallons; purchasing water from Southwest cost \$2.30/1000 gallons. Simply speaking, the City of Haskell is spending \$10,000.00 per month more purchasing water from Southwest. He further stated that there is a short term solution to this problem; however, he is hesitant to recommend a rate increase based on just one item of concern. The last rate study was done in the fall of 2003. Mr. Oswald proposes to do a rate study, and come back to the Council with some numbers they can live with long term. This recommendation was approved unanimously.

PRELIMINARY 2013 BUDGET

Mayor Arey presented the Council with the 1st draft of the proposed budget for 2013. He stated that he expects these figures to change as we get closer to the end of 2012 and more information is gathered. It is his recommendation that the Council wait until the regular Council meeting in January before we adopt the 2013 budget. Mayor Arey asked that everyone study this draft for any questions at the December meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Janie Lyman, Recorder

CITY OF HASKELL
MONTHLY FLOW REPORT
December 2012

WATER PURCHASED: Southwest Water Assn. - 7,929,160 gal.

GPD Average: 264,305 gal.

WASTEWATER TREATED: North Plant - 4,160,550 gal.

South Plant - 6,523,120 gal.

TOTAL TREATED: 10,629,670 gal.

GPD Average: 354,322 gal.

HASKELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

December 10, 2012

Run Summary:

| | Nov | Year-to-date (11/30) |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Rescue: | 26 | 232 |
| Fires: | 1 | 58 |
| Total runs: | 27 | 290 |

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| Fires: Brush/Grass – | 0 | 13 |
| Mobile Home – | 0 | 2 |
| Structures – | 1 | 12 |
| Vehicle – | 0 | 2 |
| False Alarm - | 0 | 9 |
| Haz Mat | 0 | 2 |
| Other – | 0 | 9 |
| Illegal Burn | 0 | 9 |

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| Mutual Aid Fires | 0 | 13 |
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| Mutual Aid Rescues | 1 | 5 |
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Equipment Repair:

No major equipment repairs

Training:

- 11/5 – Emergency Vehicle Driving, 9 present, 2 hours.
- 11/19 – Emergency Vehicle Driving, 14 present, 2 hours

Training within department – 46 man-hours

General

Performed pre-fire plan walk through of the new Harps.

Haskell Police Department
Monthly Report

Date: Nov. 2012

Monthly Totals

Annual Totals

Police Calls 146

Warnings 44

City 82

Other Agencies 276

Total Citations 358

Accidents 6

Incidents 28

Warrants 44

Agency Assists 9

Equipment Repair: _____

Training: _____

General Information: _____

Haskell Police Department
2520 HWY 229
Haskell, Ar. 72015

To: Chief M. Holt

November 30, 2012

From: Officer S. Walden (Training officer)

Ref: Monthly Reports for November 2012

Part time hours for November 2012

44.5 Officer J. Foreman
Harmony Grove School functions, games and
Code Enforcement.

Felony Reports:

- 1. 3 Thefts/ Burglaries**
- 2. 2 DWI/ Accident**
- 3. 5 Felonies**
- 4. 2 Batteries**
- 5. 1 Deaths**

December 2012 Training

Firearms Qualifying

Two citizens were in units for shadowing, covering basic law enforcement duties and investigations. One minor, and one adult.

SALINE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - HASKELL DEPARTMENT - 2012

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Total Collected</u> | <u>City of Haskell</u> (City Fines & Cost) | <u>City of Haskell</u> (Act 1809 Court Auto.) | <u>Saline Co.</u> (Co. Fines/Fees (Court Cost) (18-7614) | <u>Saline Co.</u> (37-7614) | <u>DFA Court Cost</u> | <u>Arkansas Game & Fish</u> | <u>DFA Admin. Of Justice Fund</u> (Misc. Fee/Fine) | <u>Arkansas Treasury Drug Fee</u> | <u>Arkansas Treasury</u> (No Proof Ins.) 27-22-104 | <u>City of Traskwood</u> (City Fines & Cost) | <u>MISC.</u> (Restitution, Refunds) |
|--------------|------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Jan | 51,842.25 = | 11,019.38 | 607.50 | 22,928.50 | 4,386.87 | 8,773.75 | 1,350.00 | 1,138.50 | 47.50 | 460.00 | 150.00 | 980.25 |
| Feb | 53,271.25 = | 14,309.25 | 935.00 | 22,636.25 | 4,157.25 | 8,314.50 | 187.50 | 1,601.25 | 47.50 | 450.00 | 117.50 | 515.25 |
| Mar | 54,876.00 = | 10,036.88 | 620.00 | 27,128.50 | 4,861.87 | 9,723.75 | 75.00 | 1,615.00 | 47.50 | 560.00 | 207.50 | 0.00 |
| Apr | 50,380.00 = | 10,413.38 | 513.50 | 23,809.00 | 4,260.87 | 8,521.75 | 0.00 | 1,289.00 | 7.50 | 600.00 | 370.00 | 602.50 |
| May | 47,499.00 = | 8,110.88 | 557.50 | 23,236.75 | 4,098.37 | 8,196.75 | 162.50 | 988.75 | 0.00 | 420.00 | 1,082.50 | 645.00 |
| Jun | 36,126.38 = | 7,531.26 | 500.00 | 17,473.25 | 2,894.37 | 5,788.75 | 95.00 | 868.75 | 0.00 | 240.00 | 150.00 | 680.00 |
| Jul | 46,247.31 = | 7,521.54 | 603.00 | 22,976.15 | 3,826.54 | 7,653.08 | 215.00 | 1,182.00 | 152.50 | 240.00 | 387.50 | 1,490.00 |
| Aug | 49,678.00 = | 10,391.00 | 757.00 | 21,385.00 | 3,906.00 | 7,812.00 | 0.00 | 3,922.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 | 335.00 | 920.00 |
| Sep | 38,192.50 = | 8,873.38 | 578.50 | 15,436.50 | 3,045.87 | 6,091.75 | 70.00 | 2,920.00 | 50.00 | 255.00 | 780.00 | 91.50 |
| Oct | 43,992.50 = | 9,900.00 | 532.50 | 19,735.00 | 3,530.00 | 7,060.00 | 75.00 | 1,227.50 | 197.50 | 500.00 | 597.50 | 835.00 |
| Nov | 33,945.00 = | 8,067.50 | 528.50 | 14,428.75 | 2,955.00 | 5,910.00 | 75.00 | 1,015.25 | 47.50 | 405.00 | 182.50 | 330.00 |
| Dec | 0.00 = | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 506,050.19 | 106,174.45 | 6,733.00 | 231,173.65 | 41,923.01 | 83,846.08 | 2,305.00 | 17,768.00 | 647.50 | 4,330.00 | 4,360.00 | 7089.50 |
| 2011 | 603,246.12 = | 133,974.49 | 7,233.00 | 266,770.15 | 53,225.05 | 106,450.18 | 175.00 | 18,198.25 | 197.50 | 6,455.00 | 4,942.50 | 5,625.00 |
| 2010 | 628,029.55 = | 145,424.52 | 7,282.00 | 276,440.75 | 55,683.57 | 111,367.21 | 0.00 | 18,866.75 | 0.00 | 6,880.00 | 4,885.00 | 1,199.75 |

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATUTORY AMENDMENTS TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS RELATED TO COLLECTIONS OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES

Whereas, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A) collects sales taxes levied by cities and counties in Arkansas under the same tax administration system that is used to collect State sales taxes, and as such, local taxes are "piggy backed" along with the collection of State sales taxes;

Whereas, the State withholds an administrative fee of 3% from local tax collections to fund the cost of such service which totaled approximately \$30 million in 2011;

Whereas, all taxing entities are entitled to have information about the collections produced by the taxes levied in order to monitor, evaluate, budget and project the tax collections to which they are entitled to receive;

Whereas, existing Arkansas law does not authorize or require DF&A to provide information to local governments that is useful and satisfactory to monitor, evaluate, budget and project local tax collections; and

Whereas, laws in neighboring states authorize and require the release of information that is satisfactory to serve the needs of local governments mentioned above which includes tax collections identified by specific taxpayer, and that the experience in such states demonstrates that related procedures and reports can be efficiently administered and produced, and that similar laws can be adopted and administered in Arkansas;

Resolved, that the City Council of Haskell, Arkansas supports amendments to Arkansas laws to authorize and require information to be provided to designated representatives of local governments that will permit them to fully and successfully monitor, evaluate, budget and project local tax collections;

That any information that can be identified with a specific taxpayer shall only be released following an agreement to keep such information confidential, and that such specific taxpayer information shall be exempt from release under the freedom of information laws of Arkansas; and

That the information will: (1) be made available for the monthly collections and calendar year to date, by regular mail, email or by dedicated online account at the option of local governments (in electronic worksheet or PDF format), not later than 30 days following the most recent monthly tax distribution; (2) include details and totals that will agree or reconcile to the related tax collections distributed by the State Treasurer to a local government for a particular month; and (3) be updated as required by subsequent adjustments due to refunds, rebates, additional tax payments and any other matter affecting the tax collected for a particular period.

Adopted by the City Council of Haskell, Arkansas Dec. on 10, 2012.

 Mayor  Clerk