

HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2012.

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

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Terry Babbs, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Brad Graham, Dwayne Hippensteel, Allen Nash, Gary Vice, and Hal Baker. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder, Janie Lyman, Police Chief Mike Holt, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Engineer, Vernon Williams, and Edward Krebs. Also present were Julie Virahosleya and Taylor Nash, members of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting. Dwayne Hippensteel made the motion, seconded by Gary Vice to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Sewer In the absence of Supt. Bobby Westbrook, the water report was given by Mayor Arey; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Streets Mayor Arey reported that work on Sahalee Cove is completed. The City is now addressing a water leak issue on Glen Abby.

Fire & Rescue Chief Brian Cotten gave the Fire and Rescue report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Police Chief Mike Holt gave the police report; a copy of which is filed with the minutes. He also noted the hiring of a new officer, Jimmy Foreman.

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

Planning Commission Mayor Arey provided an overview of the minutes of the Planning Commission, followed by a brief discussion period.

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

Resident Ed Krebs addressed the Council regarding the premises located at 2816 Hwy 229 (owned by George Brooks), and is directly across from Mr. Krebs' property. Attempts by neighbors, and Citations issued by the City of Haskell have had no results in prompting Mr. Brooks to clean this unsightliness. Mr. Krebs is appealing to the City Council for a way to remedy this situation. After lengthy discussion, Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Allen Nash, for Mayor Arey to contact City Attorney Sam Ed Gibson regarding this matter. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**A Resolution in Support of Proposed
Constitutional Amendment No. 1 for the City of Haskell, Arkansas
and Other Purposes**

Alderman Rose Marie Wilkinson explained the benefits to be received by every Arkansas city and town in voting for this amendment. After a brief discussion, Hal Baker made the motion to approve this Resolution. Dwayne Hippensteel seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

LUZA Fund Project

Mayor Arey stated that as a member of Metroplan, the City of Haskell is eligible for LUZA(Local Urbanized Area) funds. The Metroplan Board has decided to discontinue annual contributions to LUZA accounts. Washington officials are requiring that all LUZA accounts be allocated to a project prior to the end of the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (July) or they will be forfeited. Metroplan advises that all local jurisdictions wishing to meet that deadline have a project selected, the design completed, and firm cost estimates to them before the end of this year (2012). Currently Haskell LUZA fund account has a balance of \$104,992.00; a local match of 20% is required. In our case that would be \$26,248.

Mayor Arey presented six possible projects for the Council to review:

Work at the Park:

- Item 1 Trail and bridge from park to Meadow Creek Drive
 Total cost of \$36,750
- Item 2 Trail from park to Roosevelt Street
 Total cost of \$20,500
- Item 3 Trail from Meadow Creek Drive to Hunters Run
 Total cost of \$119,688

Work along Grand Avenue:

- Item 4 Sidewalk from City Hall to Intersection of Grand &
 Hwy 229 Total cost of \$13,500
- Item 5 Sidewalk from Intersection of Grand & Hwy 229 to
 Intersection of Grand and Hyline Drive
 Total cost of \$63,000
- Item 6 Sidewalk from Intersection of Grand & Hyline Drive to
 Intersection of Grand & Kennedy
 Total cost of \$163,125

After a lengthy discussion, the Council selected Item 1, Item 3, and Item 4 as being the most beneficial to the City of Haskell. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Terry Babbs, that Vernon Williams complete a design for each of the above listed Items, along with the firm

cost estimates as shown above. This will enable Mayor Arey to make application for these funds prior to the deadline.

COMMENTS

Alderman Hal Baker voiced his concerns regarding the volume of traffic at Harmony Grove School. Mayor Arey noted that the School has recruited volunteers for the two most congested areas: the crosswalk from the School across to the City Hall, and the incoming /outgoing buses location. In the event that help is need, the School contacts the City.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janie Lyman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janie Lyman, Recorder