

**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JULY 14, 2014**

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

Mayor Arey led the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayer was given by Rose Marie Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Raymond Lobbs, Edwin Simmons, and Hal Baker. Terry Babbs, Gary Vice, and Allen Nash were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder Janie Lyman, Lt. Mike Hardester, Robert Burson, and Fire Chief Brian Cotten. Also present was Robert Johnson, Jayme Watson-Bruton, and John Nelson (Tailgate News).

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present and called for the reading of the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting. Raymond Lobbs made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

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**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Water/Wastewater** Robert Burson gave the report; a copy which is filed with these minutes.

In addition, Mayor Arey advised the Council of a water main breakage on Memorial Day at Grand Ave and Hyline, and Grand Ave and Kennedy which affected a large area of Haskell. The valves could not isolate the leak. The City has also experienced valve issues on E Elm. Mayor Arey contacted Delta Utilities and received a quote of approximately \$12,340.00 for five (5) valves. Mayor Arey noted that due to repairs at the pump stations, we are over budget in line item Repair & Maint.- Plant/Line. Mayor Arey asked the Council for a motion to increase the budget by \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of these valves and the unexpected cost at the pump station. Edwin Simmons made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to increase 2014 Budget line item Repair & Maint.- Plant/Line by \$20,000.00. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

**Streets** Mayor Arey has signed a contract with Redstone Construction to do asphalt overlay repairs on Sahalee Cove in Silver Springs. He has also arranged to borrow a larger dump truck and backhoe from the County to use in a similar situation at the cul-de-sac on Spring Branch Drive.

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

**Police** Lt. Mike Hardester gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

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

**Planning Commission** A copy of the minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was provided to the Council. There were no questions.

**Code Enforcement** A listing of the contacts made was provided to the Council, and is filed with these minutes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Resolution 04-2014 a Resolution Requesting that Saline County 911 Adopt a Revised Emergency Rescue Dispatch Protocol**

Ronnie Ballard made the motion to take this Resolution off the agenda until such time as we have heard from Saline County on this. The motion was seconded by Hal Baker, and passed unanimously by yea vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Ordinance 02-2014 an Ordinance Amending Paragraph 2, Section 3 of Ordinance 01-2013 for the Purpose of Increasing the Currently Established fees from Two Percent (2%) Annually to Four Percent (4%) Annually for Water and Sewer Service by the City of Haskell, Arkansas, and Declaring an Emergency**

Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Raymond Lobbs, to have the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 02-2014. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 02-2014

**Ordinance 03-2014** an Ordinance Levying a tax on all Real and Personal Property in the City of Haskell

Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to have the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 03-2014. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the first reading, heading only, of Ordinance 03-2014.

**Resolution 05-2014** a Resolution Approving a Water & Sewer Rate Increase by Four Percent (4%) to Begin on September 1, 2014 in Accordance with Ordinance 02-2014

Since this Resolution is tied to the approval of Ordinance 02-2014, Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to table this until the August meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

**Resolution 06-2014** a Resolution Listing Bids Received, Determining the Lowest and Best Bid and Recommendation of Award of Contracts

As previously discussed, the bids received for the improvements at the City Park (restrooms and playground) came in way above our available funds. In Public hearings addressing City Park needs, the first priority has always been the restrooms. The lowest bid received for the restrooms was \$80,240.00 from Dayco Construction of Damascus, AR. The Arkansas Parks & Tourism has allowed us to change our budget, and accept the lowest bid for construction of the restrooms only. We have begun the process for grant funds for 2015 to continue with a playground.

Ronnie Ballard made the motion to have the Recorder read the heading only of Resolution 06-2014. The motion was seconded by Ed Simmons, and was approved unanimously by yea vote. Recorder Janie Lyman read the heading only of Resolution 06-2014.

Ed Simmons made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2014 awarding the bid to Dayco Construction and allowing the Mayor signature authority to sign the contract to begin work. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Ballard, and was approved unanimously by yea vote.

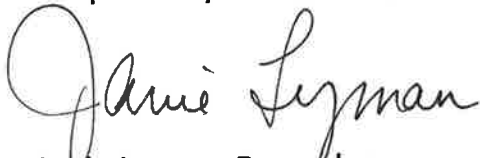
**REVIEW OF INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT PERIOD ENDED 6/30/14**

Mayor Arey gave an overview of all departments; there were no questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**      Resident Robert Johnson asked about the process of enforcing the City's cleanliness ordinance.

There being no further comments or questions, Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Ballard, to adjourn. Motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Lyman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jamie Lyman, Recorder