

**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2014.

Mayor Arey led in the Pledge of Allegiance; prayer was given by Rose Marie Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Ronnie Ballard, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Raymond Lobbs, Gary Vice, and Hal Baker. Terry Babbs, Ed Simmons, and Allen Nash were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Lt. Mike Hardester, and Robert Burson. Also attending were Melissa, Gracelynn, Aaron, Annette, and Tommy Wright, Hayden and Alissa Pyne, Jerry & Emaline Stroud, Jayme Watson-Bruton, John Nelson, Barbara Rieben, Jennifer Hill, and John Holland.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present, and stated that he was going out of order to present resignations of current Council members.

The City has received resignation from Terry Babbs, Ward 1, Position 2, citing that health reasons prevent her from serving in this position. As she did not file to run for this position in the upcoming election, and only one person (Dallas Wright) filed for this position, Mayor Arey made recommendation to the Council to appoint Dallas Wright to serve out the term of that position. Hal Baker made the motion to accept this recommendation, and that Dallas Wright is sworn in tonight and takes this seat immediately. The motion was seconded by Raymond Lobbs; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Dallas Wright was sworn in, and took Ward 1, Position 1 seat.

The second resignation is from Allen Nash, Ward 3, Position 1, stating that he is no longer able to fulfill his duties as Alderman. There are two candidates for this position in the upcoming election; Roy Carman is the only candidate for Ward 3, Position 2. Mayor Arey made recommendation to the Council that Roy Carman be appointed to serve out the term of Ward 3, Position 1. Ronnie Ballard made the motion, seconded by Raymond Lobbs, to accept this recommendation, and that Roy Carman is sworn in tonight and takes this seat immediately. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Roy Carman was sworn in, and took Ward 3, Position 1 seat.

Mayor Arey called for the reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by yea vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

WATER/SEWER Robert Burson gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

STREETS The sub-base work on Spring Branch Drive has been completed. Robert Burson met with Red Stone Construction today to discuss the overlay of this cul-de-sac, and on Sahalee Cove in Silver Springs. We have also co-ordinated with AT&T to replace a collapsed culvert on W Elm & Hwy 229 that is in front of the AT&T panel and is causing drainage problems.

FIRE & RESCUE The report was given by Chief Brian Cotten; a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

POLICE Lt. Hardester 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT A listing of contacts made the month of August was presented to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 02-2014 – 3rd Reading 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
Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to proceed with the third reading of Ordinance 02-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman gave the third reading, in its entirety, of Ordinance 02-2014. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson, to approve Ordinance 02-2014. A roll call vote was taken; Ordinance 02-2014 was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 03-2014 – 3rd Reading an Ordinance levying a tax on all Real and Personal Property in the City of Haskell, Arkansas and for Other Purposes
Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Roy Carman, to read the title only of Ordinance 03-2014. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to read the title only of Ordinance 03-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the reading (heading only) of Ordinance 03-2014. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 03-2014. The motion was seconded by Hal Baker. A roll call vote was taken; Ordinance 03-2014 passed unanimously.

Resolution 05-2014 A Resolution Approving a Water & Sewer Rate increase by Four Percent (4%) to begin on October 1, 2014 in Accordance with Ordinance 02-2014
Mayor Arey called for the Recorder to read Resolution 05-2014. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the reading of Resolution 05-2014 in its entirety. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Roy Carman, to approve Resolution 05-2014. A roll call vote was taken; Resolution 05-2014 passed unanimously.

Ordinance 04-2014 An Ordinance creating a Master List of Streets which are Eligible to be Maintained by the City of Haskell; Providing a Procedure for making Amendments to the Master Street List; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes
Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 04-2014. Raymond Lobbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Ordinance 04-2014 passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **NONE**

PUBLIC COMMENTS John Holland came before the Council asking for help in having sewer lines run to his property at Hwy 67 and Pawnee Drive. Mayor Arey responded that in previous conversations with Mr. Holland he was advised that the City of Haskell cannot use public funds to make improvements on private property. Mr. Holland has the responsibility to pay for those improvements.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Janie Lyman, Recorder