

**HASKELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Haskell City Council was held at the Haskell City Hall at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 13, 2014.

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

ROLL CALL: Aldermen present were Dallas Wright, Rose Marie Wilkinson, Raymond Lobbs, Ed Simmons, Roy Carman, Gary Vice, and Hal Baker. Ronnie Ballard was absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Arey, Recorder/Treasurer Janie Lyman, Fire Chief Brian Cotten, Lt. Mike Hardester, and Robert Burson. Also attending was Jason and Jennifer Hill, John Nelson, Jerry & Emaline Stroud, Jayme Watson-Bruton, Beverly Garrett, her daughter Cindy and her three children.

Mayor Arey declared a quorum present, and called for the reading of the September 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Hal Baker, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Arey called Mrs. Beverly Garrett to the front to present her with a Proclamation declaring November as "*Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month*". Mrs. Garrett's husband Donnie died from this horrible disease in May of 2009.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Water/Sewer Robert Burson gave the report; a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Mayor Arey added that he is working with engineers to find a solution to the problem at the south sewer plant retaining wall, which has been undermined by the soil. He will advise the Council of the solution and the estimated cost as soon as a decision has been made. It is possible that the entire wall will need to be replaced.

Streets Mayor Arey stated that not everyone may be aware of the

½ cent sales tax that was passed a few years ago providing cities and counties with temporary income from the “4 Lane Highway Construction” program. It is an additional \$70,000 to \$75,000 per year increase to our street fund, but it will only last for ten (10) years. This is our first full year to receive these funds. A State Street Fund was also created that is ongoing. Earlier in the year, we made a request for State Aid Street Funds; and were given preliminary approval by the State Aid Street Fund Committee. They more than likely will fund our project for the year 2016. During the summer of 2015, they will send an inspector to look at the nine (9) roads we turned in for this project. Funding is up to 100% eligibility, and we could receive as much as \$250,000.

Safe Routes to School bid opening is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23rd for the sidewalk project that will run from Vulcan Road to Mary Kennelly Park.

Fire & Rescue The report was given by Chief Cotten; a copy is filed with these minutes.

Police The report was given by Lt. Hardester; a copy is filed with these minutes.

Court The report was given by Mayor Arey; a copy is filed with these minutes.

Code Enforcement The report was given by Mayor Arey; a copy is filed with these minutes.

Parks The walls of the new restrooms at the ball park are up; next will be the roof. The rain has prohibited progress.

The grant application that was submitted earlier this year for 2015 for a playground area at the ball park totals \$86,620. We have been successful in making it through the first phase, so Mayor Arey has been invited to attend and make a statement in support of our project to the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee on October 29th. This grant is a 50/50 matching grant, making our match \$43,310; we currently have \$28,000 in our Parks Building Fund. Mayor Arey requested that the City Council authorize him to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund into the Parks Building Fund so that we will have \$44,000.00 in that Fund. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion to authorize Mayor Arey to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund into the Parks Building Fund. The motion was seconded by Hal Baker, and passed unanimously by yea vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Legislative Audit for 2013 Arkansas Law provides that upon receipt of the Audit Documents from the Division of Legislative Audit, the findings must be submitted to the City Council, and duly noted in the minutes. A copy of the report was provided to the Council for their review; Janie Lyman reported to the Council that there were no findings. Rose Marie Wilkinson made the motion, seconded by Raymond Lobbs, to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously by yea vote. The Council congratulated the City for a job well done.

Ordinance 05-2014 An Ordinance Establishing a Fee Schedule for Development Plan and Subdivision Plat Review; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes The City Council adopted the "Control of Development and Subdivision of Land Regulations for Haskell, AR" on October 12, 2009. The Ordinance provides that the City may by ordinance adopt a fee schedule for Development Plan and Subdivision Plat review. Ordinance 05-2014 adopts the fee schedule set forth. Mayor Arey instructed the Recorder to read the Ordinance in its entirety. Recorder Janie Lyman proceeded with the reading of Ordinance 05-2014. Hal Baker made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie Wilkinson to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 05-2014. A Roll Call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 05-2014 passed.

Mayor Arey noted that each Council member was given a draft of the 2015 Budget. This Budget shows the actual revenue/expenditures for 2013, the year- to-date revenue/expenditures and budget amount for 2014, and the proposed 2015 budget. Please review this for discussion at the November 10th Council meeting.

There being no further business, announcements, or comments, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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