

# Town of Haxtun

July 5, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

The Haxtun Town Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened by Mayor Brandon Bieseemeier at the Haxtun Community Center. Roll call was taken with the following council members present: Lori Lundgren, Bob Cionek, Rob Martinez, Tana Pope, Ryan Horton, and Mike Ensminger. Mayor Bieseemeier led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff members present were Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent, Nate Nadow, Chief of Police, and Kelsey Harms, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Candie Fix, Haxtun-Fleming Herald, Larry & Jeanette Poos, and Winston Ham were in attendance.

A change to the agenda was made, adding Resolution 2022-7 to Regular Business. A motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by L. Lundgren to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution, all present voted yes, and the motion carried.

A motion was made L. Lundgren and seconded by B. Cionek to approve the consent agenda, which included the regular meeting minutes of June 6, 2022, special meeting/hearing minutes from June 20,22 the following monthly invoices to be paid, and transfers of cash. All present voted yes, and motion carried.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|----|-----------|
| June Payroll                | Salary                 | \$ | 60,729.37 |
| Amazon                      | Whistle Battery Backup | \$ | 85.91     |
| Amazon                      | Phone/USB              | \$ | 44.29     |
| American Red Cross          | Red Cross Enrollment   | \$ | 240.00    |
| Black Hills Energy          | Utilities              | \$ | 2,820.20  |
| Border League               | Softball               | \$ | 700.00    |
| Capital One                 | Street Bond            | \$ | 27,379.14 |
| Carpenter, Ron              | Uniform                | \$ | 51.92     |
| Cash-Wa                     | Supplies               | \$ | 1,313.23  |
| CHS                         | Fuel                   | \$ | 1,625.18  |
| Cochran & Vandembark Const. | New Shop               | \$ | 18,950.00 |
| CPPA                        | 2022 Dues              | \$ | 580.00    |
| Embassy                     | Travel                 | \$ | 378.48    |
| Every Bloomin' Thing        | Wilson Retirement      | \$ | 75.00     |
| Fetzer Electric             | New Shop               | \$ | 89.93     |
| FPPA                        | Pension                | \$ | 1,322.06  |
| GWRS                        | Benefits               | \$ | 1,684.44  |
| Haxtun Car Wash             | PD Fleet Wash          | \$ | 58.00     |
| Ingram                      | Supplies               | \$ | 110.62    |
| Kurtzer, Heather            | Supplies/Training      | \$ | 1,264.49  |
| LEC Construction            | Street Project         | \$ | 38,996.00 |
| Matt's Sprinkler Service    | Pool Repairs           | \$ | 1,070.73  |
| NMPP                        | Power                  | \$ | 38,778.81 |
| PAK Enterprises             | Supplies               | \$ | 220.00    |
| Pepsi Beverage Co.          | Supplies               | \$ | 1,339.14  |
| Perfection Door Co.         | New Shop               | \$ | 790.00    |
| Phillips Co. Landfill       | Dumping                | \$ | 2,360.88  |

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| Speaker, Sherri                | Reimburse               | \$ | 28.35     |
| Spelts Roofing                 | Repairs to Water System | \$ | 3,360.00  |
| Trum, Kristen                  | Meter Deposit           | \$ | 125.12    |
| UPS                            | Return                  | \$ | 14.92     |
| Viaero                         | Phones                  | \$ | 891.34    |
| Workman, Rod                   | Carpet Clean/CC         | \$ | 65.00     |
| Beck, Jessica                  | Reimbursement           | \$ | 192.39    |
| Border States                  | Repairs                 | \$ | 548.92    |
| Brophy, Janet                  | Summer Fun              | \$ | 144.00    |
| Cash-Wa                        | Supplies                | \$ | 1,999.75  |
| CEBT                           | Insurance               | \$ | 14,857.00 |
| CHS                            | Weed Control            | \$ | 186.75    |
| CIRSA                          | Work Comp               | \$ | 5,143.50  |
| CIRSA                          | 3rd Qtr. Prop/Casualty  | \$ | 12,963.48 |
| Colorado Analytical            | Wastewater              | \$ | 76.00     |
| Colorado Dept of Revenue       | June Sales Tax          | \$ | 3,116.41  |
| Colorado Dept of Revenue       | June Withholding        | \$ | 1,643.00  |
| Dana Kepner                    | Repairs                 | \$ | 1,642.86  |
| Five Star Rentals              | Repairs                 | \$ | 75.00     |
| Harry Marshall Consulting      | Meter Verification      | \$ | 301.00    |
| Haxtun Building Center         | Repairs                 | \$ | 920.39    |
| Haxtun Telephone               | Phone/Internet          | \$ | 581.42    |
| Henry, Michelle                | Summer Fun              | \$ | 144.00    |
| Holcomb, Pam                   | Summer Fun              | \$ | 144.00    |
| MASA                           | Benefits                | \$ | 196.00    |
| Matt's Sprinkler               | Ballfield               | \$ | 123.99    |
| Pepsi Beverage Co.             | Supplies                | \$ | 444.58    |
| Phillips County Economic Dev.  | Dues                    | \$ | 1,750.00  |
| Phillips County Treasurer      | June Sales Tax          | \$ | 1,203.63  |
| Precision Plumbing             | New Shop Heating/Plumb  | \$ | 24,915.60 |
| Standard                       | Benefits                | \$ | 111.95    |
| Starkebaum, Stephanie          | Summer Fun              | \$ | 144.00    |
| Thompson, Paige                | Summer Fun              | \$ | 144.00    |
| UNCC                           | Transmissions           | \$ | 41.60     |
| US Postmaster                  | Postage                 | \$ | 218.00    |
| Van Diest Supply Co.           | Repairs                 | \$ | 1,102.50  |
| VSP                            | Benefits                | \$ | 115.96    |
| Ward Electric                  | Repairs                 | \$ | 21,318.70 |
| Western United Electric Supply | Testing Glove           | \$ | 9.15      |

#### Transfers of Cash

6/8/22 Transfer #1 - \$193,500 for accounts payable

6/15/22 Transfer #2 - \$24,000 for payroll

6/17/22 Transfer #3 - \$21,500 for accounts payable

6/30/22 Transfer #4 - \$50,900 for payroll and accounts payable

**Public Comment:**

Jeanette Poos addressed the council about a 7'8" metal Statue of Liberty replica. Jeanette and her husband are interested in donating the statue to the Town however they do not want to see the statue go to the park because they worry about it being vandalized. Their suggestion was to display the statue on the median located on the South end of Colorado Ave next to the Welcome to Haxtun sign.

**Regular Business:**

The Council thanked Jeanette and Larry for coming to speak with them. Discussion was made about where on the median the statue could go. Ron said the only available space would be the North end of median with the available power to have the statue's globe light up. The council decided to table the decision until they all had time to look at the median and get a good picture of the area that was suggested.

The Council reviewed a new proposed drawing of the pool. During a June work session, the Pool Committee presented a new bid from Advanced Pools and Spas, Inc. The bid was for an outdoor pool using the existing hole in the ground. The bid includes all new mechanical, plumbing, zero-entry, new decking, new tile, etc. for \$866,975.00. The pool committee is looking for the council to decide how to proceed so they can move forward with grant opportunities. The council had some discussion and felt like this plan seems more feasible with the current pledged and donated amounts and that the community would much rather see the pool completed. They want to see the Pool Committee move forward.

Resolution 2022-7 Supporting the Grant Application for a Community Impact Program from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the Town of Haxtun Pool Renovation. The Council feels that construction costs are rising and the previous bid for \$2+ million seems out of reach. The bid of \$866,975.00 with the costs for a bathhouse and mechanical room would be closer to \$1 million project but the fundraising efforts seem more achievable with this amount. The Council discussed that letters could be mailed to the previous donors and the committee would continue to look for community involvement. The council was in agreement that this project seems like the most economic way to get the new pool that is needed in the community. A motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by M. Ensminger to approve the resolution and apply for a GOCO grant for \$900,000. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

**Town of Haxtun  
RESOLUTION 2022-7**

Supporting the Grant Application for a Community Impact Program from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the Town of Haxtun Pool Renovation.

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF HAXTUN supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the Town of Haxtun Pool Renovation. And if the grant is awarded, the TOWN OF HAXTUN supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF HAXTUN has requested \$900,000.00 from Great Outdoors Colorado to completely renovate the pool and add a zero-entry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HAXTUN THAT:

Section 1: The TRUSTEES of the TOWN OF HAXTUN strongly supports the application for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the TRUSTEES of the TOWN OF HAXTUN strongly supports the fulfillment of the project.

Section 3: If the grant is awarded, the TRUSTEES hereby authorizes the MAYOR to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 4: If the grant is awarded, the TRUSTESS of the TOWN OF HAXTUN authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement.

Section 5: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, 2022.

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Brandon Bieseemeier, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelsey Harms, Town Clerk

#### **Discussion Items:**

FAMLI- Colorado's Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance program. The Town has the option to opt out by January 1, 2023. If a decision is not made, they will be automatically enrolled. Kelsey had a meeting with Haxtun School District Superintendent, Marsha Cody after the school board recently voted to opt out. Marsha explained the school was going to offer a Sick/Bereavement Leave Bank. This will allow employees to donate a certain amount of days to another employee if they choose. Kelsey and Ron explained to the Council that this is similar to what the Town employees have done in the past but needed to have a written policy in place. The council started to ask about PTO vs. the vacation and sick leave policy that is currently in place. Kelsey will reach out to other municipalities and see what PTO policies if any they may have in place.

Haxtun Hospital invited the council to a meeting on July 6, 2022, via zoom to discuss a health insurance plan.

Truck Route was discussed. Nate and Ron talked about how to define the route. Would the route be defined by weight? Nate was going to do more research and an ordinance would need to be worked on.

Phillips County Communications Center meetings have been attended by Rob and Ron. The County is trying to make it work for all municipalities and hospitals in the county. The County Commissioners were hoping to have a decision made before the next budget cycle.

#### **Staff Reports:**

Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent

- Building Permits were reviewed as included in the board packet.
- The crew has been busy patching streets, prepping for the chip seal project to start in August.
- Ward Electric is in Town, working on the electric upgrade. The high school was included in the upgrade and they received a new transformer that should fix the electrical problems they have been experiencing on their side.
- The water main project on Walker is complete. Ron is hoping to move this street to the top of the paving list because he is aware that the condition of the street is less than ideal after the water project.
- Fetzer Electric is looking at an emergency backup generator for the community center.

Nate Nadow, Chief

- July 25, 2022 the Haxtun Police Department and multiple local agencies will be participating in Emergency Response Training at the Haxtun High School. No students or teachers will be present, this training is just for emergency response teams. They will start with law enforcement and in the afternoon switch to EMT training.
- Tornado sirens are estimated to cost about \$66,000 for 2 sirens. These sirens would be wireless and need solar panels set up to help run them. The new sirens would be heard all across Town and still able to sound for the 7am, 12pm, 1pm, and 6pm alerts
- The PD has been working to trap the feral cats, about 29 cats have been relocated to local farms.
- The PD was awarded a \$6,000 Post Grant for the Academy.

Kelsey Harms, Town Clerk/Treasurer

- A notice of participation was sent to the County Clerk for the November 8<sup>th</sup> general election. The Council has 4 open seats, and the nomination packets will be available in August.
- NE CO Regional Housing Planning Grant Application meeting will be held July 7 from 11-noon via zoom.

### **Council Concerns:**

Lori was curious about the generator for the community center.

Bob wanted to know if anything had changed with the Railroad crossing on Colorado Ave and what could be done? Ron suggested he would try his contact again.

Rob wanted to remind the Council of the next Communications Center meeting that would be held August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tana asked if the Town had any chicken permits. Ron informed the Council that there have been 2 chicken permits.

Ryan asked about the old railroad crossing by the grass dump, is that still allowed to be crossed? That crossing is closed and should not be used by citizens.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by R. Horton to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Kelsey Harms  
Deputy Town Clerk