

**Town of Haxtun
October 2, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

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

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

John Chapdelaine, Lee Salyards, and Heather Kurtzer *representing Yes on 5B* were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by R. Horton to approve the agenda. All present voted yes, and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by D. Green and seconded by R. Horton to approve the consent agenda, which included the regular meeting minutes of September 5, 2023, the following monthly invoices to be paid, and transfers of cash. All present voted yes, and the motion carried.

September Payroll	Salary	\$ 45,960.98
September Payroll	Taxes	\$ 9,823.81
21st Century	Repairs	\$ 202.70
Amazon	Tools & Equipment	\$ 2,346.41
Bella Asphalt	Striping	\$ 1,572.50
Bivens, Trey	Mileage reimbursement	\$ 269.21
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$ 159.12
Blochowitz Ditching	Repairs	\$ 5,403.00
CGI Fence	Repairs/New Const.	\$ 8,401.57
CHS	Fuel	\$ 1,263.88
Colorado Analytical	Water testing	\$ 24.00
Davis, Carolyn	Cell phone stipend	\$ 15.00
Demco	Library Supplies	\$ 84.59
Fetzer Electric	Repairs	\$ 2,579.28
FirstNet	PD Phones	\$ 263.55
FPPA	Pension	\$ 1,356.52
Friends of Haxtun Library	Bookshelf donation	\$ 100.00
GWRS	Retirement	\$ 2,373.32
Haxtun Car Wash	Fleet Wash	\$ 10.00
Haxtun Chamber	Director Contribution	\$ 2,500.00
Haxtun Super's	Supplies	\$ 12.78
Haxtun Telephone	Phones/Internet	\$ 449.03

H-F Herald	Publications/Supplies	\$ 185.19
Ingram	Books	\$ 59.87
Kuehn, Chris	Cleaning	\$ 420.00
Municipal Supply	Supplies for repairs	\$ 2,019.24
NMPP	August Power	\$ 49,830.59
PAK Enter.	Supplies	\$ 460.53
PC Telcom	Phones/Internet	\$ 197.60
Phillips County Landfill	Dumping Fees	\$ 2,519.28
Potter Portable	Pool Potties	\$ 200.00
Viaero	Phones	\$ 188.28
Amazon	Supplies	\$ 22.35
Bornhoft, Chris	Lawnmower	\$ 214.02
Capps, Andrew	MD Refund	\$ 74.70
CEBT	Benefits	\$ 15,434.00
CIRSA	4th Qtr Prop/Casualty	\$ 14,122.12
CIRSA	4th Qtr Work Comp	\$ 4,745.25
CO Dept Revenue	Sept Sales Tax	\$ 3,359.35
CO Dept Revenue	Sept Withholding	\$ 1,594.00
CO Water Resources & Power	Wastewater Loan	\$ 9,277.46
Colorado Analytical	Wastewater	\$ 37.00
Cruz, Edgar	MD Refund	\$ 75.48
Dixon, William	MD Refund	\$ 49.13
Estate of Dwain Hansen	MD Refund	\$ 6.88
FirstNet	PD Phones	\$ 263.55
Gonzalez, Nancy	August Library Cleaning	\$ 75.00
Haxtun Building Center	Supplies	\$ 4,240.34
Highline Electric	Utilities	\$ 118.21
Holcomb, Gwen	MD Refund	\$ 61.37
Home Depot Pro	Supplies	\$ 701.50
Intermountain Sweeper	Radiator	\$ 491.00
Klimek Carpentry	South Well construction	\$ 6,600.00
League of Nebr. Municip.	Training	\$ 440.00
MASA	Benefits	\$ 196.00
PCED	Quarterly Contribution	\$ 1,750.00
PC Telcom	Phones	\$ 198.46
Phillips Cnty Treasurer	Sept Sales Tax	\$ 911.02
Phillips, Monty	BP refund	\$ 167.08
Potter Portable	Port-a-Potties	\$ 200.00
Precision Plumbing	Materials	\$ 26,902.11
Red J Welding	Repairs	\$ 1,927.13
Rudy's	Repairs	\$ 58.00
Scholl Oil & Transport Co	Camera install and setup	\$ 2,575.00
Shred Vault	Shredding	\$ 60.00
Tree King	Park/tree & stump removal	\$ 3,000.00

UNCC	Transmissions	\$	16.77
USPS	Postage	\$	336.00
VSP	Benefits	\$	126.23
Wilson's Repair	Repairs	\$	880.68
Wyatt's Sprinkler	Park Repairs	\$	234.10

Transfers of Cash

- 09/08/2023 Transfer #1: \$68,908.12 for pool accounts payable
- 09/08/2023 Transfer #2: \$52,000 for accounts payable
- 09/15/2023 Transfer #3: \$20,000 for payroll
- 09/20/2023 Transfer #4: \$ 67,100 for accounts payable
- 09/20/2023 Transfer #5: \$7,589.57 for pool accounts payable
- 09/29/2023 Transfer #6: \$20,200 for payroll

Public Comment:

John Chapdelaine spoke for the group representing vote yes on 5B. 5B is a bond issue to support a capital construction BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) Grant to upgrade the current school facilities including improvements to the preschool and vo-ag shop. BEST grants require school districts to provide a partial financial contribution. The total project cost will be determined at the time the BEST grant is submitted, but the increase to property owners would not happen until the grant is approved. The bond issue is on the November 2023 ballot, and the grant application will be submitted in February 2024.

Regular Business:

At 7:15 pm Mayor Ensminger opened the public hearing for the Haxtun Volunteer Fire Department Special Event Liquor License for the Silent/Live Auction Fundraiser. A map for the event was presented to the Council. The hearing was closed at 7:17 pm after some discussion from the Council.

A motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by L. Lundgren to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Haxtun Volunteer Fire Department. All present voted in favor, motion passed.

D. Anderson: YES
D. Green: YES
T. Pope: YES
R. Horton: YES

L. Lundgren: YES
B. Cionek: YES
M. Ensminger: YES

Colorado Department of Revenue MOU for 2024 Sales Tax. This is for an annual designated appointee from the jurisdiction to continue to have access to the sales tax information. A motion was made by D. Green to appoint the Clerk, Kelsey Harms as the appointee, a second was made by T. Pope. All present voted in favor; motion passed.

Discussion Items:

None

Staff Reports:

Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent

- VAP Construction, put rebar down for the floor and should pour the concrete

soon. Once the floor is poured it will need to be cured for 2 week before the building construction can start.

- The new basketball court will be poured in the morning. There were some surprises during the demo of the old basketball court that did cause the project to go over budget, but the court and the new pool will have sidewalk access and curb and gutter.
- MEAN is updating our contract for electrical services. The original contract was signed in the 1980s and they are working to update. There is a meeting in Karney, NE next month to finalize the draft. Ron has been working with the Town's attorney and other Colorado representatives to make sure we do not effect any TABOR laws.

Tom Bullard, Chief of Police

- Corn Festival report is all went well. There were some minor incidents not related to the event.

Kelsey Harms, Town Clerk/Treasurer

- The Library report was emailed to the Council
- The Town received a nice thank you from Triple R Saddle Club and a \$500 donation for the use of the arena and the upgrade to the PA system.
- The Town was not awarded the grant from SIPA for the codification process. The plan is to still continue to move forward with a Publishing Company as approved in the 2023 budget.
- Larry Lucas will meet with the Council on October 12, 2023 in a work session to give a presentation about becoming a DOLA Main Street Community at 2:30 pm

Council Concerns:

- R. Horton: Previously talked with Chief Bullard but wanted to follow up on the campers around Town. He also wanted to encourage Chief Bullard to continue working on nuisance ordinances.
- D. Green: Received an email about the opportunity to meet with CDOT representatives, Ron or Kelsey had not received the information. He believes this is a good opportunity to visit with CDOT about the future of the highways going through Haxtun.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by T. Pope to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Kelsey Harms
Town Clerk