

Town of Haxtun

March 20, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

The Haxtun Town Council met for a special 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 Tana Pope, Dean Anderson, Dave Green, Ryan Horton, and Lori Lundgren. Bob Cionek was absent. Mayor Ensminger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

At the regular meeting in March, Ron gave the Council a bid for an emergency backup generator for the Community Center. Ron immediately went to work looking for grant opportunities. A hazard mitigation grant with FEMA would allow the Town to apply for a 75% federal/25% local or a 90% federal /10% local split. The grant application is due by the end of March. A letter of commitment was needed from the Council to apply for this grant. The Council felt this was a good opportunity, and if this grant was not awarded, they would continue to look at other options. A motion was made by D. Green and seconded by L. Lundgren to apply for the hazard mitigation grant, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

2023 Opioid Settlement Participation with recent opioid settlements. In 2022 the Council voted to sign an IGA and join the Northeast Region Opioid Council. Our region is made up of 10 counties and the idea was to take the money from each municipality and combine the money for a bigger impact. Since the original settlement, there have been an additional 5 opioid settlements. The Council needs to vote and decide if they participate in these new settlements. By agreeing to participate, they are not agreeing to a new MOU but continuing to differ the settlement money to our Region. After some discussion, the Council decided to table the matter and reach out to Phillips County Commissioner Terry Hofmeister who sits on the Region Opioid Council and ask him to attend the regular April meeting to answer questions.

There were no other items on the agenda. A motion was made by D. Green and seconded by R. Horton to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Kelsey Harms
Town Clerk