

Town of Haxtun
 September 7, 2021
 REGULAR MEETING

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 Town Hall. Roll call was taken with the following council members present: Bob Cionek, Ryan Horton, Lori Lundgren, Rob Martinez and Tana Pope. Mike Ensminger was absent. Mayor Bieseemeier led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff members present were Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent, Tanya Mayhew, Chief of Police, and Karie Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Lee Salyards and Barb Ensminger, representing the Swimming Pool Committee, were also in attendance, along with Trish Herman, PCED Executive Director.

A motion was made by T. Pope and seconded by R. Horton to approve the agenda, with an addition of a contract to repair the water tower from Maguire Iron. All present voted yes, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by B. Cionek to approve the consent agenda, which included the regular meeting minutes of August 2, 2021, the special meeting minutes of August 16, 2021, the following monthly invoices to be paid, and transfers of cash. All present voted yes, and motion carried.

Aug Payroll	Taxes	\$10,564.04
Aug Payroll	Salary	\$48,108.44
American Security	Town Hall Drop Box	\$2,986.00
Anderson, Russ	Security Cameras	\$3,221.66
Apex	Shredding Service	\$60.00
Atchison, Jeremy	CDL Physical	\$78.30
Black Hills	Utilities	\$1,484.39
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Bullard, Tom	Training Exp	\$57.66
CDPHE	Drinking water fee	\$220.00
Dana Kepner	Repairs	\$137.47
E-470	Travel Exp	\$4.65
Ensminger Construction	Repairs	\$190.00
Five Star Rentals	Repairs	\$460.00
FPPA	Pension	\$1,635.56
Gall's	Uniform Allowance	\$165.48
Grainland	Fuel	\$1,360.27
Great Copier Service	Copier Maint	\$135.53
GWRS	Retirement	\$1,631.68
Haxtun Car Wash	Repairs/Maint.	\$46.00
Haxtun Supers	Supplies	\$322.62

HF Herald	Supplies/Publications	\$123.98
HF Herald	Election Supplies	\$307.80
Kuehn, Chris	Janitorial Service	\$330.00
Kurtzer's	Repairs/Maint.	\$164.63
L&L Ready Mix	Repairs	\$334.00
Lyle's Service	Repairs	\$70.00
Martinez, Kolby	RV Refund	\$225.00
Martin's Flag Co	USA Flag	\$395.89
NMPP	Power	\$46,462.23
PAK Enterprises	Election Supplies	\$210.00
PAK Enterprises	Supplies	\$30.00
Phillips County Clerk	Election Supplies	\$59.80
Positive Promotions	Drug Ed	\$531.86
US Postmaster	Stamps	\$275.00
Viaero	Phone	\$368.17
Wilson's Repair	Repairs/Maint.	\$396.96
American Heritage	Supplemental Insurance	\$25.55
Border States	Repairs	\$289.78
Buccelli, Wyatt	Milage	\$206.64
Capital One	Street Bond	\$6,010.25
CEBT	Insurance	\$14,504.20
CO Analytical	water/wastewater testing	\$598.00
CO Dept of Revenue	Aug Sales Tax	\$3,968.61
CO Dept of Revenue	Aug Withholding Tax	\$1,484.00
Davis, Dana	CPR Training	\$120.00
FPPA	2021 old hire pension	\$16,499.00
Haxtun Building Center	Repairs	\$1,395.06
Haxtun Supers	Supplies	\$55.99
Haxtun Tel	Phone/Internet	\$548.90
Highline Electric	Utilities	\$159.06
ICP	State/Fed Labor Posters	\$50.00
Kuehn, Chris	Janitorial	\$330.00
Lyle's Service	Repairs	\$633.51
PCED	Additional Contribution	\$1,500.00
Pctelcom	Phone/Internet	\$207.79
Phillips County Landfill	Dump Fees	\$1,800.36
Phillips County Treasurer	Aug Sales Tax	\$235.79
Precision Plumbing	Repairs	\$608.73
Rudy's GTO	Repairs/Maint	\$570.21
Sargent Drilling	Well Repair	\$23,589.59
Simon	Asphalt	\$1,194.61

Standard	Supplemental Insurance	\$111.95
Sun Life	Supplemental Insurance	\$253.60
UNCC	Transmissions	\$6.60
US Postmaster	Stamps	\$160.00
VSP	Supplemental Insurance	\$128.04
Wilson's Repair	Repairs/Maint	\$1,407.48

Transfers of Cash

8/5/2021 Transfer # 1 - \$250,000 for accounts payable

8/13/2021 Transfer # 2 - \$22,100 for payroll

8/18/2021 Transfer # 3 - \$53,000 for accounts payable

8/31/2021 Transfer #4- \$25,000 for payroll

Public Comment:

No public comments were given.

Regular Business:

Trish Herman, from Phillips County Economic Development, shared the organizations 2022 budget with the council. PCED had raised the Town of Haxtun's contribution to their 2021-2022 budget by \$1500 for the director salary. PCED will continue to support youth with the Ogallala Commons, apply for grants, support the Phillips County Housing study in the coming year.

Barb Ensminger and Lee Salyards spoke to the council regarding their fund raising efforts for the Swimming Pool. They have raised almost \$400,000 in cash, pledges, and in-kind donations in the past 9 months. They are planning another event on October 23 with a meet and greet beer and wine tasting at the Community Center, and a musical group "Groove in Motion" to perform at the school. The event will be sponsored, and all proceeds will go to the pool project. The funding level for the pool project needs to reach the goal of \$750,000 to apply for larger grants, such as from GOCO or DOLA.

The Town of Haxtun submitted an application for a special event liquor license for the Pool Project fund raising event on October 23, 2021 at the Haxtun Community Center. A motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by L. Lundgren to approve the special event liquor license. A roll call vote was taken, with all in attendance voting to approve. Motion passed.

Phillips County Commissioners requested another \$5,000 in CARES ACT funding for the business grants. The applicant was inadvertently left off the list that was presented to the council at our August meeting. A motion was made by T. Pope, and seconded by L. Lundgren to approve the request. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

CIRSA sent the 2022 Contribution quotations for Workers Compensation and Property Casualty Insurance of \$20,374 and \$52,137 respectfully. A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by B. Cionek to approve the quotes for next year. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The HUTF funds for 2021-2022 were reviewed. Amounts of \$20,812.93 and \$43,356.98 are estimated to be distributed to the Town.

The council reviewed the Philips County Assessors August Report of 2021 District Values. It showed the Town of Haxtun has a 2021 new assessed value of \$8,323,030. This amount will be used in the 2022 budget process to set our mill levy.

The water tower has developed a leak around the bottom of the bowl. The tower will be drained, repaired, and cleaned before refilling. Maguire Iron will do the major repairs for a contracted amount of \$29,500.00. A different company will do the cleaning portion of the work inside the bowl and the expenses are not included in the amount above.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by T. Pope to approve the contract with Maguire Iron for the repairs. All present voted yes, and the motion passed.

Discussion:

The council reviewed the revised Animal Ordinance. The licensing portion of the revised ordinance did not include “grandfathering in” households that now have more than 3 dogs and or 3 cats.

Council wishes to “grandfather in” the households with more than the 3 allowable pets until such time pet is no longer kept within the household. Council would also like to take the licensing fees portion out of the ordinance and set those fees by resolution. The attorney will be asked to make those changes in the revised ordinance.

Staff Reports:

Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent

- Building Permits were reviewed as included in the board packet.
- An offer of \$5000 for the generator transformer was received. The Town has to pay for testing by HEA, and load the transformer when the time comes to move it. The switch gear and engines remain, and Ron continues to try to find homes for the machinery.
- The Energy Impact Grant was submitted on September 3, 2021. The grant funds, if awarded, will be used for the remainder of the new shop expenses.
- The 2nd Round of the Main Street Grants has not opened for applications yet.
- The shop building permit was submitted and approved by the county, but the zoning is still considered ag and not commercial. A hearing will be held on 10/20/21 for the change in zoning. The land survey showed that the property owner to the east of the shop property, has built his fence on Town owned property by a few feet. We will be asking that the fence be removed.
- WAPA is studying the possibility of a rate increase of \$1400-\$1600 per month for electric.
- Proposed wind tower project South East and West of Town. The FAA notified the Town that the windmills will be 620 feet tall and could possibly interfere with our airport.

Tanya Mayhew, Chief of Police

- Officer Kondella is no longer employed with the Haxtun Police Department. The department will be looking for his replacement.
- The JAG grant finally released information on the amount of funding awarded for Body Cams. The award is \$7200, and includes the cameras and 1 year of back up service.
- The new Durango is almost in service, electronics and graphic wrap are being installed.

Karie Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

- Kelsey applied for an additional SIPA grant for \$3500 for a google workspace deployment professional services. This will allow the staff to share spreadsheets, and other documents between offices. It would also allow for updated email addresses. The grant would include full service transition, technical services, data migration services, training, and change management and project management and support services. If awarded the grant, we will hear mid October.
- CIRSA Lunch meeting for our area will be October 14 in Brush.
- CEBT gave a dividend of \$5,265. These funds were from a surplus that accumulated in 2020.
- The Haxtun Library Report will be sent out to council via email.
- Chandlers Bar & Grill is operating on a 120 day temporary liquor license transferred from the Dutch Oven. All paperwork, background checks, fingerprinting and fees have been completed and sent to the State of Colorado.

Council Concerns:

Bob inquired about contacting our attorney about the railroad and the lack of track maintenance. Ron and Tanya have made many attempts to contact them. Tanya had spoken to them about a nuisance violation, and the crossing on Colorado Ave is on their list for repairs next year.

Tanya and Bob also had questions about the condition of the old "TipTop" property on Highway 6. The owners have been contacted regarding cleaning up the lots and have started through the court process.

Brandon also questioned the property behind the new hospital clinic. John Stevens has also been contacted to be motivated to continue to clean his property and move the fence line.

A motion was made by T. Pope and seconded by R. Horton to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Karie Wilson
Town Clerk/Treasurer