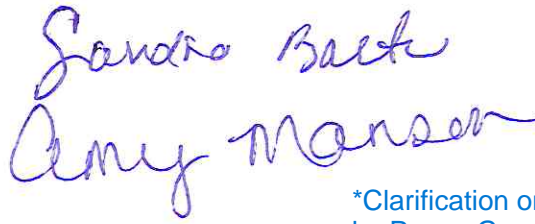


City of Hector City Council Meeting
Minutes From 1/20/25

Start time 6:30pm

5 Council Members Present

Peggy Gregory
John Mosley
Hannah Damato
Phillip Damato
Mike Geurian



*Clarification on motion: motion made by Peggy Gregory for Amy Manson to take meeting minutes for 1/20/25 meeting only.

Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer led by Peggy Gregory

Appoint Amy Manson as recorder for the 1/20/25 meeting.

*Motion made by Peggy Gregory, acting mayor consulted with city attorney Bill Smith asking if this needs to be a motion or just appointed due to being a one time taking minute notes. Attorney said appointment could be made at this time.

2/17/2025 - Council Member Hannah D'Amato asked to amend the 1/20/2025 meeting minutes to add where she stated for meeting minutes of 1/20/2025 to be sent to Arkansas Legislator Auditors and where she discussed if Council Members John Mosley or Peggy Gregory wanted to take the place of mayor until new mayor was appointed, so Sandra Barton could go back to taking minutes.

Motion to accept minutes from 12/16/24 meeting
Motion made by Peggy Gregory
2nd by Phillip Damato
passed unanimously

Motion to accept December Financials
Motion made by John Mosley
2nd by Peggy Gregory
Passed unanimously

Police:

All computers, night vision and medical bags received as state by Chief Hubbard

Street Dept:

No new business

Fire Dept:

Chief Geurian advised that new side by side was received by Dept on 1/17/25.

Chief Geurian expressed about incident that happened at Fire Dept on 1/19/25. Disciplinary action has been taken and investigation is being conducted by Hector PD in conjunction with Pope Co Sheriffs Office

Lopfi need to be done by 1/24/25

Act 833 Report—Rhonda Bowden is getting stuff together for report. Needing PPE information for report

Fema Grant—no new info

Regarding resolution 2024-41 SOGS of HVFD which passed on 11/25/24 will be discussed at the 2/17/25 meeting.

Motion to accept resignation as of 1/14/25 of Hector Advisory Board member Matt Huffman who was appointed by City Council.

Motion made by Peggy Gregory
2nd Hannah Damato
Passed unanimously

Old Business

Resolution 2025-1

Motion to accept resignation of Mayor John Riley effective 1/19/25
Motion made by Hannah Damato
2nd by Mike Geurian
Passed unanimously

Resolution 2025-2

Motion to remove John Riley as signature holder of City Bank Accounts and Credit Card
Motion made by Phil Damato
2nd by John Mosley
Passed unanimously

New Business

Resolution 2025-3

Motion to accept city fixed asset listing with understanding amendment will be made at later date
Motion made by Phillip Damato
2nd by Mike Geurian
passed unanimously

Public comment before Resolution 2025-4

Cindy Rector—Expressed concerns about partying and drinking taking place on city property or buildings that are being overseen by City

John Riley—Expressed his thanks to the City council for his support during time as mayor. Would like to express that hopes when decision is made for new mayor it is for person who wants to make Hector Better. Also expresses he has seen a notable divide in the community. Comments have been made by person of the community such as you are with us of against us.

Josh Dunkle—He feels some of officials have their own agenda and may not be for good of community. Brings up Code 21-8-304 stating anyone who could benefit from financial gain should not be allowed to vote for mayor. Also talks about bullying that has occurred in community and the incident a fire dept over weekend.

Phil Morley—He talks about an incident he had with one of the newest city council members at Hector Fest 2024 which involved person name calling. Also tells of multiple times said member has yelled derogatory names at him while member was in the company of Hector Officer Aaron Brock.

Misty Barnett—expressed concerns about spouses being allowed to serve on city council at same time; she feels not ethical.

Tim Morley—expresses concerns about Fire Chief being allowed to be city council member; he also expresses concern that 2 of the city council members did not attend the town meeting on 1/16/25 where mayor candidates spoke

*clarification on before going into executive session:
Executive session was called and everyone asked to leave that was not supposed to be in the executive session. Council member Hannah D'Amato was reminded that she was supposed to leave, she stated she needed to say something. Everyone was called 'back in for her to make a public comment. She stated that she would not be voting and would not be part of the discussion on who would be elected as mayor and that Phillip D'Amato would not be voting on this decision. She stated that it would be up to John Mosley and Mike Guerian on who would be elected as mayor.

Resolution 2025-4
Mayor candidate are as follows
Hannah Damato
Randy Smith

Phillip Damato makes motion for executive session.
2nd by Mike Geurian
passed unanimously

Before executive session start Hannah Damato expresses that neither her or Phillip Damato will be voting for mayor position

Interim Mayor Sandy Barton called Executive Session and let everyone know that council was going to Executive Session to discuss the appointment of Mayor of City of Hector for remainder of term ending December 31. 2026. Everyone was asked to leave and all recording stopped.

Executive session ended and everyone was called back in. Interim mayor announced that the discussion was regarding appointment of Mayor of City of Hector and that council had reached a decision. A motion was made to elect Randy Smith as Mayor of Hector.

Executive Session start time 7:13pm end time 7:55pm

Appointment of mayor was made by City Council by Resolution 2025-4
Motion made by Peggy Gregory
2nd by John Mosley
Randy Smith is Mayor 2 yes and 1 no

Oath of Office for Randy Smith Done by Sandy Barton

Meeting handed over to Randy Smith

Resolution 2025-5
Motion to add signature holder Randy Smith to city bank accounts and credit card.

Motion made by Peggy Gregory
2nd by John Mosley
Passed unanimously

Council reviewed and approved banking transactions.

Special meeting will be set for fire department incident once investigation is complete.

Motion to adjourn meeting (8:30pm)

Motion made by Peggy Gregory
2nd by John Mosley
Passed unanimously