

HECTOR CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:30pm
Hector City Hall

Meeting called to order by/time: Mayor John Riley at 6:31pm

Council Members:	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present / Absent</u>
	Alderman 1	Samantha Brashear	Present
	Alderman 2	John Mosley	Present
	Alderman 3	Peggy Gregory	Present
	Alderman 4	Carey McGee	Present
	Alderman 5	Hannah D'Amato	Present

Attorney: Bill Smith Present via phone

Meeting opened with prayer by: Peggy Gregory

Pledge of Allegiance

05-20-24 Council Meeting Minutes: Reviewed & Accepted Motion made by: Hannah D'Amato
Motion 2nd by: Peggy Gregory
Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

May 2024 Financial Report: Reviewed & Accepted Motion made by: John Mosley
Motion 2nd by: Samantha Brashear
Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

Public comments:

- Council member Hannah D'Amato brought up that someone in the public brought to her attention during district tournaments that the field/pasture area behind the city baseball fields located at Linton Park needs to be mowed/bushhogged. Mayor Riley commented that he is aware of the area and that area stays extremely wet.
- The city had a hydrological study performed a few years ago and this area it would take a lot of money to correct. The city could bring in dirt to build area up for some drainage; but the issue is it would take thousands of tons of dirt to build this area up. The mayor suggested that this area could be turned into a community pond with a nice dock and partner with Game and Fish to stock.
- Linton Park sidewalks need to be taken up and redone, the current sidewalks downhill drain is higher than the intake.
- Linton Park bathrooms need updating either by installing new one or upgrading the current one.
- Security cameras need to be installed at Linton Park to help with vandalism, one option is to use cellular cameras that are solar powered.
- Mayor Riley will contact the county judge to see if the county could support in helping dig a pond.
- Another issue brought up was the culvert coming into the Linton Park parking lot needs to be fixed.

Police Department Report: Chief Phillip Hubbard Present

- Letters sent to residents that need to clean up their property.

Streets/Parks Report

- A. Kubota Tractor
- B. Municipal Street Air
- C. HectorFest

Kubota Tractor:

- The estimate received from River Valley Tractor to correct the PTO clutch is \$5811.92.

- Mayor suggested that council members may consider trading the current one in for a wider tractor, so the city could bushhog city streets.
- Council member John Mosley may have a contact with another business to correct the issue with the Kubota Tractor, he will get back with the mayor on if the person could support.
- City may have to hire someone to bush hog until the tractor can get fixed.
- Mayor will continue to check other businesses to receive additional estimates.

Municipal Street Aid:

- Mayor applied for the Municipal Street Aid for the remainder of the city streets that did not receive the overlay from the last project. This will be for Peach, Cedar Lane, Oak and completing remainder of Walnut. There is around 1 3/4 miles left that needs to be overlaid.
- Mayor mentioned an update from Crafton-Tull, an engineering firm assisting with the main water line upgrade (Tri County Project), they should be starting within 45 to 60 days.
- Crafton Tull also wants to work with Civil Engineering Associates on the sidewalk project. The project turned in 100 percent. If ARDOT approves it, then in the next 20 to 30 days it will start advertising for bids. One delay was ARDOT was needing information on easements. A few trees may need to be cut down where sidewalks are currently, if so then this would be at the City's expense.

HectorFest:

- HectorFest June 22; there are around 38 vendors, 3 food trucks. City received around \$2,150 in sponsorships.
- Due to the tree being dead and a danger to the public the mayor had it cut down. Roger Standridge cut the tree down and cleaned up all debris for \$800.00. Tonia Parks is grinding down the stump.

Old Business:

Agenda Item A: Animal Control Ordinance

- City attorney Bill Smith reviewed the proposed animal control ordinance and discussed that he had no issues with it; he suggested that it would need to be done as a proposed amendment to the existing animal control ordinance that has already been passed. This would help streamline the process and help with having to posting it in a statewide paper so many times.
- One item to cleanup on the proposed amendment to the ordinance is it needs to be clear on who would contain/hold the animal.
- Council Hannah D'Amato stated that in Morrilton there is a volunteer group that specializes in cats, she will contact them to see if they would hold/re-home dogs. The name of the group is Morrilton TNR Volunteers, the person that runs it is Sarah Guy.
- Need to determine in the proposed amendment to the ordinance if the animals can be transported or if the animal may be trapped.
- Item moved to discuss at the next scheduled council meeting in July.

Agenda Item B: Fun Park Grant

- Karen Barlow the grant writer has requested the contact information for Trey Foster with Conway Engineering Associates.

Agenda Item C: Hector Police Department MOU with the Hector School District

- 1) Consideration of a resolution to terminate the MOU effective June 30, 2024, at the request of the Hector School District.
 - Hector School District has requested a resolution on the termination of the MOU between the City of Hector and the Hector School District for the SRO position.
 - Mayor Riley read the letter to the council members from the Hector School District asking for resolution on termination of the MOU between the City of Hector and the Hector School District.

- Council member Hannah D’Amato asked what this would do for the relationship between the city and school. What can the city do to maintain a good relationship with the school administration? The city does not know who will be carrying on campus. Council member Samantha Brashear suggested to invite the new school superintendent to a city hall meeting.
- Mayor Riley read the proposed resolution aloud to the council members.
- Hector police department will be receiving back all the items provided to the SRO, including the police car.
- **Resolution presented by council member:** Resolution 2024-12: to approve to terminate the current MOU with the Hector School District for SRO position. **Motion made by:** Hannah D’Amato **Motion 2nd by:** Samantha Brashear **Vote:** Passed 100% (5/5)

Agenda Item D: Property Maintenance Ordinance

- Review at next scheduled meeting in July.
- This ordinance would be a proposed amendment for existing property maintenance ordinance passed in 2003.

New Business:

Agenda Item A: Consideration of a resolution authorizing electronic banking with Chambers Bank

- City of Hector will need to set up an online banking agreement with Chambers Bank.
- Mayor passed the resolution around to the council members to review.
- **Resolution presented by council member:** Resolution 2024-13: to authorize the mayor to execute the Chambers Bank business online banking agreement and to select a company system administrator. **Motion made by:** Carey McGee **Motion 2nd by:** Peggy Gregory **Vote:** Passed 100% (5/5)

Agenda Item B: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city to obtain a credit card from Chambers Bank for city business.

- Proposed resolution is for applying for a Chambers Bank credit card for city business.
- The city will need to cancel the current credit card with Diamond Bank when the balance reaches zero balance and the new credit card received from Chambers Bank.
- Mayor read the resolution aloud to the council members.
- **Resolution presented by council member:** Resolution 2024-14: to authorize the mayor to apply for Chambers Bank credit card for city business. **Motion made by:** Hannah D’Amato **Motion 2nd by:** John Mosley **Vote:** Passed 100% (5/5)

Agenda Item C: Discussion regarding the Farmhouse Property

- Mayor asked if council would consider at least negotiating in an attempt to purchase the Farmhouse property for the city. The current asking price is \$80,000.00.
- This area after upgrades could be a place in the city for individuals in the community to gather.
- The city could rent booths to individuals, such as for crafts, farmers market, have limited restaurant, and have live music events.
- Motion made by Hannah D’Amato to authorize the mayor to negotiate with the Farmhouse property owner, the motion seconded by Carey McGee. The motion passed unanimously. (5/5).
- The offer would be contingent on appraisal. Mayor will contact the property owner and will bring the price back to the council members at a special meeting to vote on.

Additional item:

The Legend Resort and Casino could be issued a license this Thursday.

City Council members review and approval of financial transactions.

Meeting adjourned:

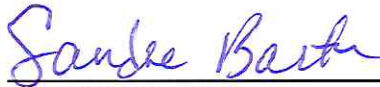
Time: 7:56pm

Motion made by: Peggy Gregory

Motion 2nd by: Samantha Brashear

Vote: Passed 100% (5/5)

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on July 15th, 2024, at 6:30pm.



Recorder/Treasurer



Mayor

By signing, I agree that pages 1-4 are true and correct copy of the meeting held by the Hector City Council on June 17, 2024.