

THE HARTSHORNE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Hartshorne City Council

City of Hartshorne

1101 Pennsylvania Ave

Hartshorne, Ok 74547

Date: July 10,2025

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Council Members: Rhonda Dugan, Pamela Henne, James Shaw, Jessica Hackler, Jerry Earp, Amber Shumway, Gary Jackson, David Spears, City Attorney, Joe Tate, Mayor, Ashley Faulkner, City Clerk Kerry Porter, and City Treasurer, Renee Montgomery, Open to Public.

1. Call to Order Time 6:38 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Present</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Present</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>Present</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Present</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Present</u>
Amber Shumway	6 <u>Absent</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Present</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Present</u>

3. Prayer

Mr. Jerry Earp

4. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Discussion with the City CPA Tracey Reed on Items for the fiscal year 25-26 budget.

Services to citizens are budgeted to continue at the current level.

Past due payroll taxes & related interest for 2018-2022 are included to be financed at an estimated 8% for 5 years. These payments are budgeted at \$48,660 for PWA, \$58,440 for the General Fund and \$14,640 for the Nutrition Department for a total of \$121,740 for the next 5 years. Our estimated past due payroll taxes & related interest is \$500,000. These amounts do not include any potential penalties.

An additional fee on each utility bill of \$12.00 a month per customer is included in paying the loan for the past due IRS taxes and interest. The budget does not include a rate increase.

Staffing levels are in line from last year

A 3.5% pay increase for employees is also in budget.

Discussion:

CPA stated IRS has sent a Levy due in 30 days and she is trying to get a 90 day stay.

Jackson asks what is needed for collateral for loan, Mayor states we can not use land or properties.

Spears: we don't need to give raises, It is better to have a job than no job.

CPA states Utilities rates are lower, and expenses are higher. If you wait you will be forced to raise rates.

We are going to have to get a loan to pay the IRS

Spears: the elderly will have a hard time paying. We are in no better shape than when Money was being stolen. Letters had to come to the city.

Mayor: That's a slap in the face we had to beg to keep the lights on.

Jackson: It's the present that we need to solve, what is done is done. We need to move forward. What changes do we need to make.

CPA recommends we raise rates on utilities every 6 months.

2. Discussion, consideration and action to convene to executive session pursuant to 25 OS Stat§ 25-307 (B) 1 to discuss the employment of Celeste Salvador.

Strike

Bring back July 21,2025

Roll Call

Rhonda Dugan	1 _____
Pamela Henne	2 _____
James Shaw	3 _____
Jessica Hackler	4 _____
Jerry Earp	5 _____
Amber Shumway	6 _____
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3. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the employment status of Celeste Salvador.

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Adjournment: 8:33P.M.

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