

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### Hartshorne City Council City of Hartshorne

1101 Pennsylvania Avenue

Hartshorne, OK 74547

Date: August 18, 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 **6:53pm**

2. Roll Call

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

3. Prayer

-Jerry Earp

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Reports:

#### *Financial Report*

-Tracy Reed (RS Meacham CPA Services) present financials; overall better in general fund. Sales and use tax above prior year

#### *Nutrition Report*

-**No report**

#### *Clerk-Court Report*

-**No report**

#### *Police Report*

-**Interim Chief Joe Watts- working through shifts best they can as they are currently short staffed, with the one open officer position.**

*Fire Report*

**-No report**

*Treasurer Report*

**-No discussion regarding report sent out**

*Street & Alley Maintenance Report*

**-No Report**

*Chamber of Commerce*

**-No Report**

*Mayor Report*

**-Mayor Faulkner noted a complaint received regarding a fence obstructing a view on North 12<sup>th</sup> Street at a residence, to follow up with code enforcement.**

*Council Reports*

**-Ward 1, 2, 4- No Report**

**-Ward 3- Barnhill Road/South 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ditches are grown up and citizens would like attention to this issue as it obstructs view and potential safety issue.**

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting on July 21, 2025.
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting on August 5, 2025.
- C. Approval of paying bills for the month of July 2025.

**-Councilman James Shaw made motion to table, failed for lack of second. No further motions made.**

- D. Garrett Ledbetter to address the council regarding producing a video of Hartshorne.
  - a. **Mr. Ledbetter has written a song about Hartshorne, he played the song for council. He would like to make a music video in Hartshorne. He has family ties to Hartshorne, this is a passion project of his, he now lives in Tulsa area and makes music in Nashville. He has a Nashville Video Production team that would come to film and they want it to be during football season. As this could potentially be economic development and attract people to Hartshorne, he proposed the city buy-in at estimated \$20,000 to help offset some of the cost of the music video.**

**Mayor conveyed that the city financially currently could not commit. Mr. Ledbetter acknowledged he understood the constraints and said there is another city interested in this opportunity. Mayor asked if the song would still say Hartshorne and Ledbetter answered "the name would be changed in the song, its something they have to do often in Nashville"**

- E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding video production of Hartshorne.

**Motion Tabled.**

Motion **Hackler** Second **Shaw**

**Roll Call**

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

- F. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to on accepting Resolution 08182025 regarding Choctaw Nation Community Development Grant Application for supplemental funding of the Water Improvement Project.

**Motion Passed.**

Motion **Jackson** Second **Shaw**

**Roll Call**

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

- G. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to convene into Executive Session: regarding the initiation of appraisals for city-owned properties for potential sale or liquidation, as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307(B)(3) (discussing the purchase or appraisal of real property).to proceed with appraisals of city properties to potentially liquidate.

**Motion Passed.**

Motion **Jackson** Second **Shaw**

**Roll Call**

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

- H. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to reconvene from Executive Session: regarding the initiation of appraisals for city-owned properties for potential sale or liquidation, as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307(B)(3) (discussing the purchase or appraisal of real property).to proceed with appraisals of city properties to potentially liquidate.
- Motion Tabled.**

Motion Shumway Second Shaw

**Roll Call**

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

- I. . Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding parking spaces on North 10<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Avenue with an estimate to paint the spaces.
- Motion Tabled.**

Motion Shaw Second Jackson

**Roll Call**

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

- J. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the proposal for the city ballfields.

**No action taken**

- K. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to convene into executive session to discuss hiring Anthony Richardson on the Hartshorne Fire Department pursuant to Title 25 OS § Section 307 B(1).

**Motion Passed.**

Motion Jackson Second Shaw

**Roll Call**

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

- L. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to reconvene from executive session to hire Anthony Richardson on the Hartshorne Fire Department. **Motion Passed.**

Motion Shaw Second Jackson

**Roll Call**

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

- M. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to convene into executive session to discuss hiring of street and alley maintenance position to Title 25 OS § Section 307 B(1).

**No Action Taken**

- N. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to reconvene from executive session to hire the street and alley maintenance position.

**No Action Taken**

- O. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to convene into executive session to discuss hiring of Police Chief pursuant to Title 25 OS § Section 307 B(1). **Motion Passed**

Motion Hackler Second Shaw

**Roll Call**

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

- P. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to reconvene from executive session to hire Police Chief Position. **Motion Passed.**

- **Motion to hire Joe Watts for Police Chief at a rate of \$24.04/hr., effective immediately.**

Motion Jackson Second Shaw

**Roll Call**

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Absent</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Absent</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>Yes</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Yes</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Yes</u>

Amber Shumway	6 <u>Yes</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Yes</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Absent</u>

- Q. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the amendment of a 7% increase on current residential rates & A. Commercial rates of Chapter 19. Public Utilities and Other Enterprises. Article 1. Water Services Section 19-7 Water Rates. Residential Rates A. Commercial Rates

**Motion Failed.**

Motion **Hackler** Second **Jackson**

**Roll Call**

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Absent</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Absent</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>No</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Yes</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Yes</u>
Amber Shumway	6 <u>Yes</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Yes</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Absent</u>

- R. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the amendment of an increase on current bulk water access rates Chapter 19. Public Utilities and Other Enterprises. Article 1. Water Services Section 19-7.3 Bulk Water Access Rates.

**Motion Failed.**

Motion **Jackson** Second **Hackler**

**Roll Call**

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Absent</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Absent</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>No</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Yes</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Yes</u>
Amber Shumway	6 <u>Yes</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Yes</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Absent</u>

- S. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the amendment of an increase on current bulk water access rates Chapter 20. Solid Waste Disposal Article 2. Fees Section 20-8 Fees to be charged.

**Motion Failed.**

Motion **Jackson** Second **Hackler**

**Roll Call**

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Absent</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Absent</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>No</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Yes</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Yes</u>
Amber Shumway	6 <u>Yes</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Yes</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Absent</u>

- T. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the amendment of a 7% increase on current Chapter 19. Public Utilities and Other Enterprises. Article 3. Sanitary Sewer System Section 19-26 Sanitary Sewer Rates. A. Residential Rates B. Commercial Rates

**Motion Failed.**

Motion Jackson Second Hackler

**Roll Call**

Rhonda Dugan	1 <u>Absent</u>
Pamela Henne	2 <u>Absent</u>
James Shaw	3 <u>No</u>
Jessica Hackler	4 <u>Yes</u>
Jerry Earp	5 <u>Yes</u>
Amber Shumway	6 <u>Yes</u>
Gary Jackson	7 <u>Yes</u>
David Spears	8 <u>Absent</u>

**5. Adjournment** Time 8:40 pm

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