

**THE HARTSHORNE CITY COUNCIL GENERAL
MEETING MINUTES**

City of Hartshorne

1101 Pennsylvania Avenue Hartshorne, Ok 74547

Date: February 23, 2026

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 Jessica Hackler, City Clerk Kerry Porter, and City Treasurer, Renee Montgomery, Open to Public.

1. Call to Order Time 6:37 PM

2. Roll Call

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| 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>Present</u> |
| Gary Jackson | 7 <u>Present</u> |
| David Spears | 8 <u>Present</u> |

3. Prayer *Mr. Jerry Earp*

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in and taking of the Oath for new Mayor Mr. Randy Wilcox

5. Reports:

Financial Report Overall all our revenues are below average. 2023-2024 audit is in process. Bank is still working with us on the IRS loan, Tracey stated we would need a utility charge on the sewer bill to pay the loan. Spears stated the bill was already higher than any town around. Tracey stated amount due to IRS was 1.5 million. A levy for \$250,000 is pending on the PWA.

Nutrition Report moved vera Salim to Head Cook at \$10.00 hr. We are looking for an assistant cook . Plumbing problems reoccurring.

Clerk-Court Report 51 people to collections this month.

Police Report in packet

Fire Report in packet

Treasurer Report in email

Street & Alley Maintenance Report Nothing to report

Mayor Report

Council Reports

Ward one Dugan stated people have called and they appreciate the water project crew cleaning up the yards after they lay the lines.

Ward 2 Hackler mentioned library inspection 0 problems they used them as an example for other Library's. Back door needs a new frame and door.

Ward 3 Shumway lighting on Lake road is much better.

Ward 4 Spears we have had a lot of dog reports. We need to have them through the court system to deem vicious dogs.

Hackler stated the community center will have PSO do their lighting at a cost of 1000.00 It was originally at a cost of 9000.00 they are looking at doing the rodeo arena also.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular General Meeting on January 28, 2026
- B. Approval of paying bills for the month of January 2026.

Motion Shumway Second Hackler

Roll Call

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Abstain - No</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>No</u> |

Motion Passes

7. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the renewal of the lease on
On 825 Apollo Hartshorne, Ok as presented by Kevin Wilson and Michell Harrell.

Spears states by law, that the lease should have been a 1-year lease.

Motion Spears Second Henne

Roll Call

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Abstain-No</u> |
| David Spears | 8 <u>Yes</u> |

Motion to table bring back in March

8. Discussion, consideration and action for the approval of payment of interest due to F&M Bank for Interim Construction Loan. (Christy Shepard)

Motion Hackler Second Shumway

Roll Call

Motion Passes

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</u> |
| James Shaw | 3 <u>Abstain-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>No</u> |

9. Discussion, consideration and action to accept the resignation of Weston Montgomery as Deputy Chief from the Hartshorne Police Department. (Joe Watts)

Motion Spears Second Jackson

Roll Call

Motion Passes

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

10. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)1 to discuss the employment, hiring, or appointment of Jeffery Logston as a Firefighter for the City of Hartshorne Fire Department. (Chief Barone)

Motion Shaw Second Dugan

Roll Call

Motion Passes

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

11. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the employment status of Jeffery Logston as a Firefighter with The City of Hartshorne Fire Department. (Chief Barone)

Motion to table. Bring back in March

Motion Hackler Second Dugan

Roll Call

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

12. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)1 to discuss the employment, hiring, or appointment of Lucas Varney as a Firefighter for the City of Hartshorne Fire Department. (Chief Barone)

Motion Shaw Second Jackson

Roll Call

Motion Passes

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

13. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the employment status of Lucas Varney as a Firefighter with The City of Hartshorne Fire Department. (Chief Barone)

Motion to hire Lucas Varney as a Firefighter

Motion Passes

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

14. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)1 to discuss the appointment of Taylor Tate as Assistant Chief for the Hartshorne Police Department at \$21.63 per hour. (Joe Watts)

Motion Shaw Second Hackler **Motion Passes**

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

15. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the appointment of Deputy Chief status to Taylor Tate with the Hartshorne Police Department. (Joe Watts)

Motion Shaw Second Jackson

Motion to appoint Tate To Deputy Chief

Motion fails

Roll Call

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

16. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)1 to discuss a request by the Chief of Police Joe Watts for compensation of eighty (80) hours of unused vacation leave from 2025 that was not used within the policy year and is not authorized under current personnel policy. (Joe Watts)

Motion Shaw Second Jackson

Motion Passes

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 Yes |
| Pamela Henne | 2 Yes |
| James Shaw | 3 Yes |
| Jessica Hackler | 4 Yes |
| Jerry Earp | 5 Yes |
| Amber Shumway | 6 Yes |
| Gary Jackson | 7 Yes |
| David Spears | 8 Yes |

17. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the for compensation of eighty (80) hours of unused vacation leave from 2025 that was not used within the policy year and is not authorized under current personnel policy. (Joe Watts)

Motion Dugan Second Spears

Motion not to authorize

Motion Passes

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 Yes |
| Pamela Henne | 2 Yes |
| James Shaw | 3 Abstain-No |
| Jessica Hackler | 4 Yes |
| Jerry Earp | 5 Yes |
| Amber Shumway | 6 Yes |
| Gary Jackson | 7 Abstain-No |
| David Spears | 8 Yes |

18. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)1 to discuss the employment, hiring, or appointment of Trent Casinger as a Reserve Officer for the City of Hartshorne Police Department. (Joe Watts)

STRIKE

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call

- Rhonda Dugan 1 _____
- Pamela Henne 2 _____
- James Shaw 3 _____
- Jessica Hackler 4 _____
- Jerry Earp 5 _____
- Amber Shumway 6 _____
- Gary Jackson 7 _____
- David Spears 8 _____

19. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the employment status of Trent Casinger as a reserve Officer with The City of Hartshorne Police Department. (Joe Watts)

STRIKE

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call

- Rhonda Dugan 1 _____
- Pamela Henne 2 _____
- James Shaw 3 _____
- Jessica Hackler 4 _____
- Jerry Earp 5 _____
- Amber Shumway 6 _____
- Gary Jackson 7 _____
- David Spears 8 _____

20. Discussion, consideration and action to enter into executive sessions pursuant to 25 OS Stat § 25-307 (B)3 to discuss the sale of 825 Apollo Street Hartshorne Ok. (David Spears)

Motion Shaw Second Spears

Motion Passes

Roll Call

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

21. Reconvene from executive session to determine action on the sale of 825 Apollo Street Hartshorne Ok. (David Spears)

Table Bring back in March

Motion Spears Second Henne

Motion Passes

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

22. Discussion, consideration and action to lease the Ball Fields as presented by Mr. Taylor Bell.

Tate states no bid needed to lease fields

Motion Hackler Second Jackson

**Motion to approve
Roll Call**

Motion Passes

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

23. Discussion, consideration and action in regard to adopting the Municipal Budget Act (instead of the estimate of needs) (Tracey Reed, CPA)

Motion Spears Second Jackson

Motion to amend to adopt by resolution. Table Bring back in March

Roll Call

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Rhonda Dugan | 1 <u>Yes</u> |
| Pamela Henne | 2 <u>Yes</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>Yes</u> |

Auditor recommends this budget.

Adjournment: 8:28

This agenda was filed in the office of the City Clerk, Kerry Porter and posted by 4:00PM on 02/18/2026, at the following locations.

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By Kerry Porter

City Clerk

