

The Hugo City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening to discuss the hiring of a new city manager.

After retiring into an executive session for 54 minutes, the council returned and Hugo Mayor Stan Payne made a motion to hire Jeff Rabon as the new city manager. After a second from Francine Morris, it was decided that Rabon would begin his term as the new city manager beginning Jan. 17, contingent upon contract approval.

Discussion as to whether or not to take action regarding vending machines for the city of Hugo was tabled due to the Coca Cola representative not present at the meeting.

The planning and zoning board has a vacancy due to one of its members being absent for three meetings. Chris Head's seat on the board needs to be filled. The city council had no names to recommend to this position. No action was taken.

Larry Rudrow's name was mentioned to fill Eddie Wood's seat on the cemetery board. Wood's position is available due to too many missed meetings.

Resolution No. 788 concerning notice of election for city council wards one and two was discussed. The election date will be April 5, 2011.

Hugo citizen Lloyd Pearl spoke during the citizen's comments section of the meeting. Pearl was concerned about the street damage on Payne Street. The council agreed to look into the damage and possibly repair it.

The minutes from the Dec. 21 meeting, financial statements and purchase order lists were approved. Everyone was present.

Hugo  
Municipal  
Authority  
meeting

The Hugo Municipal Authority met following the city council meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the industrial permit of Choctaw Finishing Plant and Seaboard.

Rawls stated that he had contacted the head of Department of Environmental Quality and asked for a 30 day extension to further discuss the contract's approval. Rawls also suggested the item be tabled until more information can be obtained.

The water leak at Ninth and Grand has been repaired. A new valve has been inserted to mend the problem. The leak at Yerby has also been restored. For the cost of \$3,500, a new valve has also been inserted to correct that problem.

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