



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Thursday March, 22 2012
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton City Hall**

1. Call to order/Roll Call - Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order and the record showed that Councilman Meador, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Oxley and Councilman Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Public Works Director Ralph Trout, City Attorney Richard Gunnoe, Fire Chief Ray Pivont and Police Chief Seth Snavelly were also in attendance.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Cris Meadows led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda - Councilman Oxley moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the February 2012 meeting. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices - Councilman Basham moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report February 2012– Councilman Meador moved to approve the financial report. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0
7. Approval of Building permits – Councilman Basham moved to approve the building permits as submitted. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
8. Appearance of Citizens – Curtis Gray discussed his worry about closing Incinerator Road and the travel concerns for those in the area. Jimmy Gray stated he lived just on the other side of the city limits and would have to drive all the way around the mountain to get to town. Kent Bartgis discussed the needs for the boat races and asked for the city support. Council asked Cris to send a letter to DOH regarding cutting the brush on the overlooks on Route 20.
9. Discussion and or action regarding 2012-2013 City Budget – Council discussed the added expense of moving the police department to third avenue and decided to add the needed \$74,000 to do so. Councilman Oxley asked about raises and Mayor Blankenship stated raises were given based on the salary scale approved by council three years ago. Councilman Meador moved to approve the budget and Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
10. Discussion and or action regarding Brooks & Goldcoast Sewer Projects – Cris stated we needed to approve the bills from the project where we had to spend money to acquire all of the right of ways for the project. Councilman Basham moved to approve the payment of the invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
11. Discussion and or action regarding Fire Station Construction – Cris stated the project was on schedule and the council needed to approve the payment of the February invoices. Councilman Oxley moved to approve the payment of the invoice to Main Street Builders. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0
12. Discussion and or action regarding hiring fireman – Chief Pivont recommended hiring Jason Hall as a probationary fireman. Councilman Meador made a motion to hire upon completion of classes by May 1, 2012. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
13. Discussion and or action regarding hiring fitness center staff – Cris Meadows recommended hiring Lauren Estes and Sierra Brown to replace Sara Cyrus who just left for another job. Cris said that these girls would be splitting the hours and would be part time. Councilman Meador moved to approve the hiring the two ladies. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

14. Discussion and or action regarding permit for animals – Cris stated council has in their packets a copy of the city code on animal permits and also a letter from the county health inspector. The facility at the school has been inspected and found not to be a nuisance. Council discussed the code and its intent and then Councilman Oxley moved to approve the permit. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-1 with Councilman Basham voting no.
15. Discussion and or action regarding transfer of property- Council discussed they were transferring the railroad museum building to the building commission so they could work out a long term lease with the museum. The museum wants to apply for grants but must have a lease on the building to do so. Councilman Meador moved to transfer the railroad museum building at 206 Temple Street from the City of Hinton to the Hinton Building Commission. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
16. Discussion and or action regarding Incinerator Road – Council discussed the problems with Incinerator road, the city’s inability to maintain it and how the state has taken care of it for years and just stopped. Mayor Blankenship recommended the road be closed on June 1st unless the state fixes it. Councilman Oxley moved to put a counter on the road before closing it. The motion died for a lack of a second. No action was taken. Council asked Richard Gunnoe to send letter to the state about the road.
17. Discussion and or action regarding donation to Main Street – Mayor Blankenship stated that the last meeting Main Street asked for \$20,000.00 for help in paying the expenses of the renovations of the third floor at the hospital. Councilman Meador stated he felt since he was on the hospital board he should step out and not vote on the issue. Councilman Basham asked that if we give a donation the mayor be placed on the Main Street board of directors. Mary Lou Haley said that she would have to check with the board and that without the money they can’t reopen. Councilman Oxley moved to give \$10,000.00 to Main Street. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0. Councilman Meador did not vote.
18. Discussion and or action regarding donation to Boat Races – Councilman Jordan moved to take care of the sanitation services. Mayor stated at a cost of \$1200.00 Councilman Basham seconded the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
19. Adjournment – Councilman Basham moved for adjournment. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

City Manager Cris C. Meadows

Mayor Joseph M. Blankenship