



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April, 15 2014
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton City Hall**

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Mayor Joe Blankenship called the meeting to order and the record showed that Councilman Pat Jordan, Councilman Larry Meador, Councilwoman Roberta Sorg, and Councilman Bob Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Chief of Police Derek Snavely, Fire Chief Ray Pivont and City Attorney Richard Gunnoe were also in attendance.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Lynn Maddy led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Basham moved to approve the minutes of the March 2014 regular city council meeting. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report March 2014 – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the financial report March 2014. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
7. Approval of Building Permits – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Basham seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
8. Approval of Levy Rates – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the levy rates as presented. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
9. Approval of 2012-2013 Audit- Council discussed that this was the best audit we have had in years and they were proud of the staff for their hard work. There are only three unresolved issues from the previous year when we had twelve. Councilman Meador moved to approve the audit. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote 4-0.
10. Public Hearing on Small Cities Grant Application – Mayor Blankenship stated he would now stop the meeting so we could have a public hearing. David Cole spoke about the grant application the city has decided to submit for money to demolish blighted housing. Mayor Blankenship stated that the city has identified over 50 properties that need removed. Cris stated that we received one of these grants in 2004 and were able to remove approximately 25 buildings. Mayor Blankenship then stated he called the meeting back to order.

11. Discussion and or action regarding Resolution for Demo Grant Application – Councilman Meador moved to dispense with the reading and approve the resolution. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
12. Discussion and or action regarding community development plan – Council discussed this was the same plan that was used in the 2004 application that was successful in funding. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the plan as presented. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
13. Appearance of Citizens – Stuart Oxley addressed council about his recent FOIA requests and Richard Gunnoe referred him to the new policy adopted by Council. Mayor Blankenship asked Council to refrain from addressing the issue as the Oxley’s have retained council.
14. Discussion and or action regarding hiring policeman – Mayor Blankenship stated that we now have a list to hire form and council has already given permission to hire two new officers and we may need to hire a third one but that depends on if one of the current officers leaves. Chief Snively stated that the current candidates were going through background checks and he hoped to be able to hire soon.
15. Discussion and or action regarding hiring pool employees – Council discussed hiring the pool employees as listed and possibly others as the season progresses. Councilman Basham moved to approve the pool employees. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
16. Discussion and or action regarding legal matters – Mayor Blankenship asked for an executive session to discuss legal matters involving personnel. Councilman Basham moved to go into executive session. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Council returned from executive session.
17. Adjournment – Councilwoman Sorg moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Joseph M. Blankenship/ Mayor