



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 20, 2010
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 Jordan, Councilman Meador, Councilman Oxley and Councilman Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Chief of Police Derek Snavelly, Public Works Director Ralph Trout and Fire Chief Ray Pivont were also in attendance.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance** – Len Maddy led the devotions and the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes March 16, 2010** – Councilman Oxley stated he made the motion on item ten and would like the minutes changed. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the March 16, 2010 minutes as amended. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. **Approval of March 2010 paid invoices** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the March 2010 paid invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. **Approval of March 2010 financials** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the March 2010 financials. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
7. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices-** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Councilman Meador stated he would like to see the bills that are not normal and fixed on this report. Cris Meadows stated that this is the most current report at the time of the meeting and that by the third Tuesday of the month most bills are already paid except for payroll items that are not calculated till after the final payroll of the month. Councilman Jordan remarked that he likes to see bills like the PEIA one as it is a major item that the city must keep and eye on.
8. **Approval of building permits** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permit. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
9. **Appearance of Citizens** – **Sam Crook** brought a complaint to council about the Skate Park and problems with kids tearing the property up and loud noises well past dark. **Jerry Zimmerman** spoke about the problem with vagrants in the park and being harassed coming out of the drug store.
10. **Discussion and or action concerning Gold Coast Sewer Project** – **Cris Meadows** gave a short report on the project and asked for council to approve the payroll of the project of \$44,795.81. Councilman Meador moved to approve the payroll request for the Gold Coast Sewer Project. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion was approved on a vote of 4-0. Councilman Meador asked for a detailed breakdown of who is paid what on the next request.
11. **Discussion and or action concerning Approval of the 2010-2011 City levy estimate** – **Cris Meadows** presented the levy estimate to council for approval. Councilman Basham moved to approve the levy estimate. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning Budget Revision Resolution** – **Cris Meadows** presented to council a list of needed revisions to the budget due to income in excess of budgeted amounts and the need to eliminate the election amount from this year's budget. Councilman Basham moved to waive the reading of the resolution and revision and to approve them both. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
13. **Discussion and or action concerning downtown parking** – **Chief Snavelly** discussed the various parking issues in the down town area and how it is such a large problem it is almost impossible to resolve without making drastic changes. Council discussed the issues with the chief and all the public present but could come to no resolution.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning Stop sign at 4th and James** – **Mayor Blankenship** stated he would like to table this until next meeting and they would paint the curbs on that street to make the sign more visible and see if this helps the problem. Councilman Basham moved to table this till the next meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
15. **Discussion and or action concerning changing elections to coincide with state and national elections and change to one nonpartisan election** – **Richard Gunnoe** discussed with council

that moving the election to coincide with the national elections make great sense in the amount of money we would save by not having to hire poll workers and order all of the paper ballots. Cris Meadows states he estimates a savings of over \$15,000.00 by switching in with the county and national elections. Richard stated he believes we would also realize a savings by going with a non-partisan election by having only one election. Councilman Meador and Councilman Basham stated they are in favor of a two party system. Council all stated they would be in favor of changes that would save money. Councilman Oxley mentioned he would be in favor of the old ward system. Mayor Blankenship asked this be brought back to the next meeting so they could discuss it further.

16. Discussion and or action concerning Approval of Paid call fireman – Councilman Meador asked Chief Pivont if they still kept a limit on the number of paid-call that he keeps on the roster. Chief Pivont stated it normally stays around thirty as people come and go and he recommended we hire these two tonight. Councilman Oxley moved to hire Jason Hall and Daniel Meadows as paid-call fireman. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

17. Discussion and or action concerning hiring professional personnel for Streetscape grant- **Cris Meadows** stated that this relates to the grant the city received in 2008 and that we are finally to a point in the approval process to proceed to design of the project. The city received ten statements of qualifications from engineers and architects. These were narrowed down to three who were interviewed by Cris and Mayor Blankenship. Cris recommends VanNostrand architects out of these three due to the fact of his knowledge of the project with similar designs and the history with his firm in the fact he has always completed the jobs on time with fantastic results. Councilman Basham moved to hire VanNostrand as design professionals for the project. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

18. Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting May 25, 2010 – Councilman Oxley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Cris Meadows/City Manager

Joseph Blankenship/ Mayor