



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday February 16, 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 Oxley and Councilman Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Derek Snavelly, Ralph Trout and Ray Pivont were also in attendance. Councilman Meador was absent.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance**- Lynn Maddy led the devotions and the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0. Councilman Basham stated he was tired of getting things put on the agenda that he did not know anything about. Mayor Blankenship stated that from now on he will put anything on the agenda but it must be presented to the City Manager in writing one week before the meeting to be included on that month's agenda or it will be held over to the next month. Council all agreed that was reasonable.
4. **Approval of Minutes January 26, 2010 and February 2, 2010** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the January 26, 2010 and February 2, 2010 minutes. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
5. **Approval of January 2010 paid invoices** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the January 2010 paid invoices. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
6. **Approval of January 2010 financials** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the December 2009 financials. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
7. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
8. **Approval of building permits** - Councilman Oxley moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
9. **Appearance of Citizens – no citizens signed up to speak**
10. **Discussion and or action concerning Project Prioritization for 2010** – Cris Meadows stated that the Project Prioritization was something we did every year for Region One PDC. Cris stated that the Priority list was as follows Fire Station, Brooks Barksdale Sewer, Bluestone Hydropower, Community Recreation Center, and Passenger Depot Restoration. Council agreed the list presented was fine with them. Cris begin to explain the items on the list and then stated that the Director of Region One David Cole was here and we are to have a public input session on the Brooks Barksdale Sewer Grant. David stated they were complete with the design of the sewer extension and only lacked a few more easements to finish up all of the preliminary work before construction. He stated he felt more confident going in with all of that work done and hoped it improved our chances of getting the money. Mayor Blankenship read a resolution to resubmit an application for a HUD SCBG grant for the Brooks Barksdale. Councilman Oxley moved to approve the resolution for resubmission of the grant application. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
11. **Discussion and or action concerning Recycling grant** – Rick Moorefield spoke for the WVU Extension office that would be the one submitting and administering the grant application they have to have a government entity to act as the pass through for the money and Summers County Commission was the agent last year and it was a very productive program. Councilman Basham moved to approve the application partnership with the extension office and submission of the recycling grant. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning downtown parking and traffic pattern** – Mayor Blankenship discussed his changes for the downtown traffic pattern which include changing Temple Street back to one way, placing angle parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. There would be 136 parking meters and 11 handicap spaces and 26 free 30 minute parking spots. There would also be a left hand turn lane from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave onto Ballangee Street and we would have to remove 4 parking meters for the spots in front of the Rivertown building. Councilman Jordan stated he had heard no complaints regarding the proposed changes. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the changes as stated by the mayor. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

13. **Discussion and or action concerning Council Payroll** – Councilman Oxley discussed the possibility of putting the city payroll on a direct deposit and the benefits of employees having access to their money sooner. Mayor Blankenship stated we need to talk to the employees and see how they feel about it and at this time he would like to table it to a later date. Councilman Oxley agreed and moved to table this item. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Blankenship asked if there was any discussion and Councilman Basham stated that he would like council to be paid at the last payroll of the month. Council payroll was changed due to them having a separate payroll from all of the other employees and causing the office staff a lot more work. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning Janitor services at City Hall** – Councilman Oxley stated he asked for this due to the fact the cleaning lady now has more area in city hall to clean than she is used too since we moved and thought she needed a pay adjustment. Mayor Blankenship stated that the city doesn't pay her and he would bring this up at the next building commission meeting.
15. **Discussion and or action concerning Port-a-Potty at Skate Park** – Councilman Oxley moved to put a unisex port-a-potty at the skate park and construct a small fence around it. Councilman Jordan stated he doesn't know what it would cost or what people in the neighborhood would say about looking at a port-a-potty. Councilman Oxley rescinded his motion until the costs could be looked in to. Mayor Blankenship stated he would like to look into the costs and possibly getting a grant to put in a restroom facility. Councilman Oxley moved to table this item. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
16. **Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting March 16, 2010** – Councilman Basham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

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Cris Meadows/ City Manager

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Joseph Blankenship / Mayor