



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday January 26, 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 Meador, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Oxley and Councilman Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Richard Gunnoe, Derek Snaveley, Ralph Trout and Ray Pivont were also in attendance.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance**- Lynn Maddy led the devotions and the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Councilman Meador made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes December 15, 2009** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the December 2009 minutes. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. **Approval of December 2009 paid invoices** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the December 2009 paid invoices. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. **Approval of December 2009 financials** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the December 2009 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 Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
8. **Approval of building permits** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
9. **Appearance of Citizens**
10. **Discussion and or action concerning police software purchase** – Cris Meadows discussed the need to purchase the software due to the fact the old program has quit working and it is obsolete and we can no longer get support for it. This program will allow us to complete our constitutional reporting requirements to state and federal agencies. Cris stated that this was not the best program that we had looked at but it was the most cost effective and the Summers County Sheriff was using it and liked it and offered us free training on it. Councilman Meador stated he had looked into it also and thought this was a good product and also very cost effective as he had looked at other programs he then moved to approve the purchase of the police reporting software from Blue Crystal. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
11. **Discussion and or action concerning first reading of FEMA ordinance** – Councilman Oxley moved to waive the reading of the ordinance and approve this as the first reading. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning appointment of HHLC member** – Mayor Blankenship recommended Tom Hutchison to replace Steve Jones on the Historic Landmark Commission. Councilman Jordan moved to appoint Tom Hutchison on the HHLC. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
13. **HHLC Annual Report** – Cris Meadows presented to council the annual report for the HHLC that is sent to the State office of Historic Preservation.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning property donation**- Councilman Basham moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent. Council returned from executive session and then Councilman Oxley moved to table this item. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
15. **Discussion and or action concerning downtown parking and traffic pattern** – Mayor Blankenship discussed his ideas for changing the traffic pattern. This would include making Temple Street one way and making a left turn on to Ballangee from Second Ave and adding angle parking at the Courthouse. Councilman Oxley Moved to table this item until they could get an exact cost breakdown of each portion of the plan. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
16. **Discussion and or action concerning hiring a police officer** – Mayor Blankenship recommended hiring Theodore White and Tad Withrow as Patrolman. Councilman Oxley moved to hire Theodore White and Tad Withrow. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
17. **Discussion and or action concerning former employees lost items** – no action taken

**18. Discussion and or action concerning personnel actions** – Mayor Blankenship recommended promoting Richie Gipson to sergeant pending a rule change from the civil service commission. Councilman Basham moved as such. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Councilman Oxley moved to give Joe Stewart and Frank Brewer a two year leave of absence. Mayor Blankenship stated that we had received nothing from these officers but a written resignation and we could not act on this. The motion died from a lack of a second. Councilman Oxley moved to remove Chief Snavely back to patrolman and appoint Joe Stewart as Chief of Police. The motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Meador asked that council recognize that Joe Stewart and Frank Brewer did give resignations to the city and thanked them for their service.

**19. Informational Items**

**Mayor – Mayor Blankenship** – stated that he will be working on the budget with the department heads and will bring them back to the March meeting for their approval.

**Council**

**Department Heads- Cris Meadows** discussed the build out for Workforce moving into the old council room in the tech center. Council asked Cris to get bids. Cris discussed the need to change elections to coincide with the state and national elections to help defray the huge undertaking of managing an election. Council stated they thought it would be a great idea and asked Cris to bring back details on how it could be done to a future meeting.

**20. Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting February 16, 2010**

Council adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

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Cris Meadows/City Manager

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Joseph Blankenship/ Mayor