



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 18, 2009
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton Technology Center**

1. **Call to order / Roll Call** – Mayor Blankenship opened the meeting and stated let the record show all are present. Councilman Tommy Oxley, Councilman Larry Meador, Councilman Pat Jordan, Councilman Bob Basham, City Manager Cris Meadows, and City Attorney Richard Gunnoe.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance** – Lynn Maddy led the devotions and Council led the pledge.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
4. **Approval of Minutes July 21, 2009** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
5. **Approval of July 2009 paid invoices** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
6. **Approval of July 2009 financials** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the financials. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
7. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
8. **Approval of building permits** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
9. **Appearance of Citizens** – Jamie Muslin with Capitol Electronics spoke about warning sirens and public warning signals. She stated there may be some grants to help purchase these. Gary Garten spoke about closing the park and the loitering laws. Cleo Mathews spoke about the swimming pool and asked for assurance from council that an over twenty one adult lifeguard be present at all times. Tim Adkins spoke about his time with the police department and his personal items missing that he would like to be reimbursed for. Council told him to bring a list of items to Cris and they would be presented to council. Fred Long gave an update on the festival of the rivers and stated that they were spending two thousand dollars on advertising this year and Taylor Made is the headlining group.
10. **Approval of hiring paid call fireman** – Councilman Oxley moved to hire Jackie Ratliff as a paid call fireman. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.
11. **Discussion and or action concerning Skate park at the Summers Street Court** – Mayor Blankenship asked to include both items 11 and 12 together because he would like to move the skate park to the Summers Street location and build a basketball court at the Sidetrack Park. Councilman Oxley moved to change the location of the skate park to Summers Street and to order the ramps immediately and build a basketball court in the spring. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning basketball court at City Sidetrack Park**
13. **Discussion and or action concerning changes in the employee handbook** – Mayor Blankenship stated he would like to change the employee handbook to reflect the following that three days of bereavement pay be issued to an employee who loses a grandparent and he asked for a motion as such. Councilman Meador moved to amend the bereavement pay policy to include grandparents. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning purchasing pagers for fire department** – Steve Pack stated that by ordering replacement pagers now we qualified for a substantial rebate. Councilman Oxley moved to spend the \$2,625.08 to purchase the pagers. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
15. **Discussion and or action concerning to consider on first reading and act upon a proposed bond ordinance providing for the issuance of its Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 A and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 B (the “Bonds”). The proceeds of the bonds will be used (i) to pay a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the existing sewerage system of the Issuer (the “Project”); and (ii) to pay certain costs of issuance hereof and related costs. The Bonds are payable solely from revenues to be derived from the ownership and operation of the sewer system of the City.** – Mayor Blankenship read the agenda item and Cris Meadows stated this was to secure the funding for the Goldcoast project and we had been awarded \$1,662,000 toward the construction of this sewer line extension. Councilman Oxley moved to approve the first reading of

the sewer ordinance. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

- 16. Discussion and or action concerning Council President** – Mayor Blankenship read information he had researched stating how council president had been select in the past. Councilman Jordan stated that due to his experience and proven track record he moved to appoint Larry Meador as the Council President for the City of Hinton. Councilman Basham seconded the motion. Councilman Oxley thanked the people for their voices and their support in the election. Councilman Basham stated that Larry Meador was the top vote getter running against 11 other people and he felt deserved the position. The vote was taken and motion passed by a vote of 3-0-1 with Councilman Meador abstaining.
- 17. Discussion and or action concerning previous hiring of police officers** – Councilman Basham moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent at 7:30. Council returned from executive session at 8:00.
- 18. Discussion concerning fire station grant** – Mayor Blankenship discussed that we were awarded a \$50,000 grant and a long term loan for \$1,350,000 from UDSA mostly based on the revenue from the CSC building however their lease has expired and needs renewed. We are currently working on a new lease. Council asked Cris to get bids to tear down all buildings on the two properties where a new station might be built.
- 19. Discussion concerning leases** – Mayor Blankenship stated the current lease with IMC has expired and they want to downsize. Cris is currently working with their management to keep them in our building. The Mantech lease will be finalized by the next meeting which should keep them in the Tech Center for eight more years. CSC is currently on a month to month lease for their building and we are contacting them this week about a longer term renewal.
- 20. Informational Items**
- Mayor -**
- Council** – Councilman Meador mentioned the Hilltop cemetery and stated we need to try and make that a part of our road upkeep. Councilman Jordan asked for us to send a letter regarding the increase in the natural gas rates. Councilman Basham reported that Diane Rice has resigned effective October 2, 2009 and stated we will miss her. Councilman Oxley thanked the city employees for their hard work.
- Department Heads-** Chief Pivont discussed the testing of the sirens with council.
- Attorney -**
- 21. Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting September 15, 2009** – Councilman Basham moved for adjournment. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Cris Meadows/ City Manager

Joseph Blankenship / Mayor