



ACTS OF HINTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2009
7:00 p.m. Hinton Technology Center

1. **Call to order/ Roll Call** – Mayor Blankenship, Councilman Oxley, Councilman Meador, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Basham, City Manager Cris Meadows, City Attorney Richard Gunnoe, and all department heads were in attendance.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance** – Rev Lynn Maddy led the prayer and Council led the pledge.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Mayor Blankenship discussed the changes in the style of the agenda and asked for an addition of an informational item after the approval of minutes being item 4B. Councilman Meador moved to approve the addition to the agenda and Councilman Jordan seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote. Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda Councilman Jodan seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **A. Approval of Minutes June 12, June 23, June 30, 2009-** Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, June 23, and June 30, 2009. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. (B) City Manager Cris Meadows announced that he had received an email last week that we would be receiving a grant from the Gates Foundation for \$250,000.00 to be used to build a swimming pool for Hinton
5. **Appearance of Citizens** – Sue Taylor spoke about the conditions of 1306 Temple Street. Jay Cline asked about the progress of the Skate Park. Arthur Ayers spoke about speeding in the city limits. Christina Graff spoke about the excitement in town over the new administration. Christopher Cales asked why the ramps were removed from the Shamma property; Mayor Blankenship stated he had a signed statement from the property owners to have them removed for liability purposes. Donna Fitzpatrick spoke about the condition of the house beside her mothers. William Foster spoke about an incident involving the arrest of a family member and their subsequent treatment. Dwight Emrich thanked council for the repair of the roof on the freight depot and stated he is worried about drainage in the area. Fred Long stated he had been paying for the grass to be cut on the old Avis Bride and asked if the city could spray it with weed killer.
6. **Approval of June 2009 paid invoices** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices for June 2009, Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices; Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. **Approval of June 2009 Financials** – Councilman Meador moved to approve the June 2009 Financials; Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. **Approval of Building Permits** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits; Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
10. **Approval of resolution for budget revisions** – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the budget revision; Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
11. **Approval of committee appointments-** Mayor Blankenship read the following committee appointments and the establishment of the new Grants Committee and asked for a motion from council to approve the new appointments. Councilman Meador moved to approve the appointments as presented; Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0-1 Councilman Oxley abstained.

Tree Board	TERM	Unsafe Building Commission	TERM
Betty Basham	3 year term 2009	Bob Cannon	Building Inspector
Steve Pack	2 year term 2010	Ray Pivont	Fire Chief
Donna Pivont	1 year term 2009	Everett Crawford	5 year term 2009
Beverly Carter	1 year term 2009	Mayor Blankenship	Mayor
			Public Works
Dwight Emrich	1 year term 2009	Ralph Trout	Director
Zoning Appeals Board		Development Authority	
Wootie Beasley	3 year term 2010	Lin Goins	5 year term 2009
Kent Bartgis	3 year term 2010	Jerry Proctor Kirk	5 year term 2009
Beth Plumley	3 year term 2010	Greg Rogers	5 year term 2009
David Madison	3 year term 2010	Mayor Blankenship	Mayor
Cris Meadows	Recorder	Keith Lively	5 year term 2009
		Cris Meadows	Treasurer
Sanitary Board			
Lynn Long	3 year term 2009		
Betty Basham	3 year term 2009	Police Civil Service	
Mayor Blankenship	Mayor	AW Ryan	police dept
		Ed Hannah	Mayor
Historic Landmark Commission		Geof Tuckerman	chamber of commerce
Steve Pack (paid)	3 year term 2010		
Mayor Blankenship	N/A	Fire Civil Service	
Fred Long	3 year term 2010	Gary Plumley	Fire Dept
Howard Cashwell	3 year term 2011	Bill Sorg	Mayor
			chamber of commerce
Steve Jones	3 year term 2010	Bob Glaser	
Cris Meadows	Recorder		
Building Commission		4c EDA	
Jerry Proctor Kirk	5 year term 2013	Larry Meador	??
Ginger Snyder	3 year term 2012	Council on Aging	
			1 year term august 09
Margie Temple	2 year term 2011	Tommy Oxley	
Cris Meadows	Treasurer		
Grant Committee		4h/Case Board	
	3 Year Term	Pat Jordan	??
Jerry Beasley	2012		

Deborah Clark	3 Year Term 2012
Karla Gunnoe	3 Year Term 2012
Kim Rodes	3 Year Term 2012
Cris Meadows	3 Year Term 2012

12. **Approval of retainer fee for City Attorney** – Mayor Blankenship recommended retaining Richard Gunnoe as city attorney for \$1,000.00 per month. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the retainer fee of Richard Gunnoe at \$1,000.00; Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.
13. **Discussion and or action concerning police promotions** – Mayor Blankenship read a letter from the civil service commission regarding test results and stated Officer Lucas scored the highest and would like to promote him to the rank of Sergeant. Councilman Meador moved to promote Officer Lucas to the rank of Sergeant effective 12:01 tonight at a raise of 1.00 per hour. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. Councilman Oxley questioned as to whether they had to score above 70 on the test to be considered for promotion. Councilman Meador rescinded his motion and Councilman Jordan rescinded his second. After discussion with A.W. Ryan of the civil service it was determined that the score of 70 was for new applicants and that Officer Lucas was never given his five points for military service which also put him over the mark of 70. Councilman Meador moved to promote Officer Lucas to the rank of Sergeant effective 12:01 tonight at a raise of 1.00 per hour. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning purchasing a police dog** – Mayor Blankenship read a proposal to by a drug and bite dog for a cost of \$10,500.00. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the purchase of the drug dog; Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.
15. **Discussion and or action concerning city judge** – Mayor Blankenship read a memo stating that the city court system went in the hole last year and stressed the need for a more efficient court system. He then recommended Curtis Shaver as Municipal Judge. Councilman Meador moved to retain Curtis Shaver as Municipal Judge, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.
16. **Discussion and or action concerning increasing fines for code violations-** Mayor Blankenship stated he would like all of the city codes that match state code have fines equal to their state code. Councilman Meador moved for fines for violations of city code be equal to state code violations. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Council instructed the city manager and city attorney to take care of this.
17. **Discussion and or action concerning police scramblers** – Council discussed the need to use code of some sort due to the privacy issues of personal information that can be discussed over the radio.
18. **Discussion and or action concerning closing hours for city park** – Mayor Blankenship discussed the problem with people hanging around in the city park all night. He asked for a motion to open the park at 8:00 a.m. and close the park at 6:00 p.m. with the hopes of cleaning up the loitering problem effective September 1st. Councilman Meador moved to close the park as recommended, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

- 19. Discussion and or action concerning cutting the riverbank on Stokes Drive** – Mayor Blankenship presented to council an estimate for cutting the riverbank on Stokes Drive for 2,500.00. Councilman Meador moved to approve the bid to cut the brush, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
- 20. Discussion and or action concerning 15 mile residence requirement** – Council discussed the 15 mile residence requirement for police and fire department employees and felt it to restrictive to keep good employees. Councilman Meador moved to remove Article 29 from the employee handbook regarding the 15 mile residence requirement; Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
- 21. Discussion and or action concerning Safe & sound camera system-** Councilman Meador move to approve the payment of the invoice for the camera system on 3rd Ave. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
- 22. Discussion an or action on residential parking permits** – After discussion Councilman Oxley moved to table this until later, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
- 23. Discussion and or action concerning hiring of a fireman-** Ray said a test was given and here are the results.

Fireman Civil Service Test
Results

STANDINGS:

	LOSEY C.		(+5 point veterans preference)
1	BENNETT	319.10	324.10
2	JASON HALL	302.27	
3	SHAWN BRAGG	292.27	
4	CHRIS SIZEMORE	281.05	
5	GARY HOLLAND	265.49	
6	ANTHONY BOWDEN	260.99	
7	JOSEPH BOWLING	259.93	
8	BRIAN CALE	247.55	
9	JASON GROSE	211.65	

Civil Service commissioner Gary Plumley stated he certified the test results and Chief Pivont recommended Losey C. Bennett. Councilman Oxley moved to hire Losey Bennett on the Chief’s recommendation effective as soon as possible, Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

- 24. Discussion and or action concerning opening and closing hours of City Hall** – Mayor Blankenship stated he would like to see the office hours of City Hall changed to allow staff time to get work from the previous day completed and adjust to the office before opening the doors to the public. He recommended changing the hours to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and makes this effective September 1, 2009. Council discussed doing this on a trial basis and Councilman Meador moved to change the office hours to 9:00 to 4:00 effective September 1, 2009; Councilman Basham second the motion and the motion passed 3-2 with Councilmen Oxley and Jordan voting no.

- 25. Informational Items** – Mayor Blankenship discussed his first three weeks in office and the many things he was working on including a new lease with ManTech, cleanup of the downtown, the road behind the tech center and several other projects. He also thanked all of the behind the scenes people that get things done in our town. Councilman Oxley discussed the fire department and their hard work, the skateboard park, and the issue of electing a new Council President. Councilman Jordan stated he just wanted to see the city cleaned up. Councilman Basham said he would like to check and see if people are allowed to put their grass clippings in the street. Steve Pack discussed the warning sirens for fires in town.
- 26. Council Adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent no time was noted.**

Cris Meadows/ City Manager

Joseph Blankenship/ Mayor