



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton Technology Center**

1. **Call to order / Roll Call** – The roll call showed Councilman Tommy Oxley, Councilman Larry Meador, Councilman Pat Jordan, Councilman Bobby Basham, Mayor Joe Blankenship, City Manager Cris Meadows, City Attorney Richard Gunnoe, Public Works Director Ralph Trout, and Fire Chief Ray Pivont present.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance** – Lynn Maddy led the devotions and Council led the pledge.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
4. **Approval of Minutes September 15, 2009** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
5. **Approval of September 2009 paid invoices** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
6. **Approval of September 2009 financials** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the financials. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
7. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
8. **Approval of building permits** - Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
9. **Appearance of Citizens** – Gloria Smith complained about an officer showing up to remove her from the last council meeting and questioned who directed him to do such. Fred Long complained about not receiving an agenda by email.
10. **Discussion and or action concerning CSC lease** - Councilman Meador moved to approve the lease and for the mayor to sign all documents. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed by a vote of all ayes.
11. **Discussion and or action concerning NISC lease and City Hall offices** – Mayor Blankenship discussed the need for NISC to downsize and the bigger need for more office space for City Hall and the Police Department. Council discussed with Amy Angell of NISC what her needs were and she stated the space downstairs better suited her needs. Council discussed worries that they may need extra space in the future and then decided that would be a good time to move them into the technology building. Councilman Meador noted some corrections in the lease. Councilman Meador moved to execute the lease with National Interest Security Company with the changes indicated and provides the mayor the authority to sign any and all documents and in conjunction with that the city business offices move upstairs. Councilman Basham seconds the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-1 with Councilman Oxley voting no.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning City Hall hours** – Mayor Blankenship stated he had been asked to put this on the agenda since the city had changed its office hours from 8am to 9am beginning September 1st. Councilman Oxley moved to move it back to 8am. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Blankenship asked for discussion and Council stated they had heard some complaints of people that couldn't make it here to do their business. Mayor Blankenship

stated he wanted the record to show he had not had one person complain to him about changing the hours to 9am and there have not been any complaints at City Hall. The motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Mayor Blankenship stated he was still in favor of the 9am hours.

13. Discussion and or action concerning police civil service resignation and appointment – Mayor Blankenship stated he had received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce appointing Geoff Tuckerman as their representative. He also stated he had received a resignation letter from Ed Hannah stating he just doesn't have the time. Mayor Blankenship recommended David Madison for the mayor's pick for the commission to serve in place of Ed Hannah. Councilman Basham moved to approve both Geoff Tuckerman and David Madison for Police Civil Service Commission effective immediately. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of all ayes.

14. Discussion and or action to consider a franchise agreement with Suddenlink Communications. - Cris Meadows explained the franchise agreement to the council. Councilman Meador asked that we change item 3.11 to state one analog or digital instead of analog service. Councilman Meador moves to approve the agreement with the noted change. Councilman Jordan Seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

15. Discussion and or action concerning purchasing a police car – Mayor Blankenship stated the drug and bite dog will be back this weekend. He stated we are already over budget in maintenance of our police cars and we need to have a SUV for the dog. Councilman Basham moved to give the mayor authority to purchase a SUV for the police department. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Councilman Meador asked that the car be marked canine unit.

16. Discussion and or action personnel- Mayor Blankenship asked to flip 16 and 17 due to the fact he needs to ask for an executive session for personnel there will be no action so we will come back from executive session and adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meador move to take item 17 before item 16. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.

17. Informational Items

Mayor – Mayor Blankenship stated he wanted to bring up the change in the traffic pattern on Temple Street and different parking on 1st Ave and will have a public hearing at the next council meeting. He would also like to add some fifteen minute parking spaces around town for local businesses.

Council – Councilman Meador discussed that the city has hired a local person to design a new website for the city and we will have some original artwork on the site giving it a retro look and it will be real nice once it is active. Councilman Jordan requested that parking on 3rd Ave needs marked off. Councilman Basham thanked everyone for the help during railroad days and requested a four way stop sign at Fourth Ave and James Street.

Department Heads – Ray Pivont stated Mark Ratliff will be back to work soon from his operation. Cris Meadows stated November 15th it the deadline for the intent to apply for TEA grants and asked for council's direction on what to apply for this cycle. Council directed Cris to apply for grants to repair the Freight Depot and restore the lunchroom at the Passenger Depot.

Mayor Blankenship asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Basham moved as such. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.

18. Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting November 17, 2009

Council returned to session on a motion by Councilman Basham seconded by Councilman Jordan and approved by unanimous consent. Councilman Basham moved for adjournment Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Cris Meadows/City Manager

Joseph Blankenship/ Mayor