



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday November, 19 2013
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton City Hall**

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Mayor Joe Blankenship called the meeting to order and the record showed that Council President Larry Meador, Councilwoman Roberta Sorg, and Councilman Bobby Basham were all present. City Manager Cris Meadows, Chief of Police Derek Snavelly, and City Attorney Richard Gunnoe were also in attendance. Councilman Jordan was absent.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Cris Meadows led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda – Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Basham, moved to approve the minutes of the October 2013 regular city council meeting. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices – Councilman Basham moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report October 2013 – Councilman Meador moved to approve the financial report October 2013. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
7. Approval of Building Permits – Councilman Basham moved to approve the building permits. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
8. Appearance of Citizens – Gary Wheeler spoke about complaints he has had recently regarding where dogs are kept when picked up. He keeps them on his private property in kennels in a cinder block building or fenced in. Ms. Miller from the ACWP stated that less than 1% of the dogs they pick up are euthanized and they have adopted over 1,000 dogs out of the area in the last three years.
9. Discussion and or action regarding Brooks Sewer Project – Councilman Meador moved to approve the payment of \$238,538.82. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
10. Discussion and or action regarding Gold Coast Project – Councilman Basham moved to approve the payment of \$440,237.75. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
11. Discussion and or action hiring fireman – Chief Pivont discussed the list and thinks it is not valid because one of the applicants doesn't live in the county. Councilman Meador moved to table the item and advertise for more applications. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

12. Discussion and or action regarding personnel – Mayor Blankenship mentioned the resignation of Rachel Eerenberg and wished her well on her move to Charlotte.
13. Discussion and or action regarding ordinance to change election filing fees – Richard Gunnoe discussed his research and the discussion he had with the Secretary of State’s Office. They recommended that fees be one percent of the salary of the office like the fees for county and state election. Council discussed the previous meetings where they were going to change it to \$100.00 for council and \$200.00 for mayor. Councilman Basham then moved to change the filing fees to \$100.00 for Council and \$200.00 for Mayor. Councilman Meador seconded the motion then discussion was that if the fees were based on a percentage they would change with time as salaries may change. The motion failed 2-1 as Councilman Basham voted in favor of the motion and Councilman Meador and Councilwoman voted against the motion. Councilman Meador then moved to adopt the new filing fees based on one percent of the salary of the office. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-1 with Councilman Basham voting no and Councilman Meador and Councilwoman Sorg voting yes.
14. Discussion and or action regarding ordinance related to parking in yards – City Manager Cris Meadows stated that he is getting constant complaints from people in the downtown that have neighbors who continually park in the area in front of their homes which is grass between the curb and the sidewalk. This is city property and while the property owners are supposed to maintain it they normally don’t and tear it up with their cars leaving mud for the neighborhood to deal with. It is also a traffic hazard when the pull off and on the street. Council discussed it and asked Cris and Richard to look into it further.
15. Adjournment – Councilman Basham moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Joseph M. Blankenship/ Mayor