



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April, 21 2015
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 Councilman Larry Meador, Councilman Pat Jordan, Councilman Bob Basham and Councilwoman Roberta Sorg were present. City Manager Cris Meadows and City Attorney Richard Gunnoe were also in attendance.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Cris Meadows led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda – Mayor Blankenship welcomed Councilman Basham back to the meetings as he had been out with an illness for some time. Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the March 2015 regular city council meeting. Councilman Basham seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices – Councilwoman Sorg moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report March 2015 – Councilman Meador moved to approve the financial report March 2015. Councilman Basham seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
7. Approval of levy rate order – Councilman Basham moved to approve the levy rate order. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
8. Public Hearing on sewer grant application – Mayor Blankenship stated that we would now begin a public hearing for a sewer grant application that the city was filing. The purpose of the grant would be to clean up the combined sewer system in the Riverside Drive area and create a separate storm water system from the current system. We are also trying to get all rainwater out of the system by having roof drains removed and placed into existing or new storm sewers. Council discussed the need for the project. Shay from Region One discussed the application and financing as they have figured it to be structured with both grant and loan money. Councilman Meador moved to approve the resolution to seek the file the applications if the (CSO) is spelled out to combined sewer overflow. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Mayor Blankenship closed the public comment period.
9. Appearance of Citizens – Julia Gaitor asked about moving the festival of the rivers to the newly renovated Freight Depot. Council thought it was a good idea and asked that it be put on the agenda next time. Joel Lorenz asked that something be done about his neighbor's property.

10. Discussion and or action regarding approval of the audit for 2013-2014 – Council discussed the audit and said it was one of the best we had in many years. Councilman Meador moved to approve the audit as presented. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
11. Discussion and or action regarding request to make old Avis Overhead Bridge a pedestrian access bridge – Cris Meadows stated that he had attended a meeting and there was community support to keep the Avis Bridge as a pedestrian access bridge and thinks we should ask the WVDOH to inspect and maintain it as such for the benefit of people who walk to stores in that area. Council agreed that many people still use it and they don't want to see it fall into more disrepair than it currently is. Councilman Meador moved to have Cris write a letter in support of making the bridge a pedestrian access bridge. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Council also asked that grants be checked into to clean it up and keep it safe.
12. Discussion and or action regarding acceptance of the section foreman house- Dorothy Jean Boley gave the history on the section house and how it was obtained. She stated that the Railroad museum would like to give it back to the City so that it might be able to obtain grants to restore it. Councilman Meador moved to accept the deed to the house and to express appreciation in all that they have done to keep up with our railroad heritage. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
13. Discussion and or action regarding west end island signage- Council discussed the proposal to put a planting in the road at the west end of town. Beth Vulo gave a presentation of the plan to install the planting and answered questions on how it would be maintained by civic groups and community members. It would be built with grant money and they would like the city's help removing pavement in the area. Council discussed it and Councilman Meador moved to approve the design. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. Council then stated they must approve any sign that might be placed there. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
14. Adjournment – Councilman Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Joseph M. Blankenship/ Mayor