



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19 2016  
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 Roger Mann, Councilman Pat Jordan, 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 – Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Jordan 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 Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report March 2016 – Councilman Meador moved to approve the financial report February 2016. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
7. Approval of levy rates 2016-2017 – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the Levy Rates for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
8. Appearance of Citizens – Bobby Cox asked for permission from the council to preserve an old fire hydrant down on the freight depot parking lot. Council asked Cris to write a letter to CSX asking for permission.
9. Public Meeting for small cities grant application – Council recessed the regular meeting on a motion by Councilman Meador seconded by Councilman Jordan and approved by unanimous consent. Shay from Region 1 explained the CSO project and the funding makeup of the project. Cris explained the need to get the rain out of the sewer and to prevent the overflows. No one else spoke, and the public meeting was concluded. Council moved to go back into the regular meeting.
10. Discussion and or action regarding a resolution for HUD application resubmittal – Councilman Meador moved to waive the reading of the Resolution and approve it. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
11. Discussion and or action regarding city codes – Cris asked council how they felt about the code that was revised by Municode. Council stated that they were fine with the revisions. Cris stated he would try and have a final draft for first approval next month. Cris also discussed with council a Vacant House ordinance that is being passed by many communities and that he thinks this could help in Hinton as the code enforcement officer has already identified 175 homes that are currently vacant. Council discussed that there might not be people to fill those homes, but one landlord in the audience said he is always getting a call from renters looking for places. Cris said that a lot of these homes are sitting empty for years at a time when they need to be used. Anytime a house sits empty nothing is being repaired on it. Cris said he would bring the ordinance to council next month then we could have a 30-day comment period before it would reach a final approval.
12. Adjournment – Councilwoman Sorg moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

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Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

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Joseph M. Blankenship/ Mayor