



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton City Hall**

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Mayor Jack Scott called the meeting to order, and the record showed that Council President Pat Jordan, Councilman Jim Leslie, Councilman Larry Meador, and Councilwoman Roberta Sorg were all present.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Cris Meadows led the prayer.
3. Approval of Agenda – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Leslie made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes as presented. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
5. Appearance of Citizens - Shalom Tazewell spoke about a statewide initiative for Healthy Communities and that they wanted to put a playground somewhere in town; she also presented a resolution stating that the City Council supports the Community Health Improvement Plan. Councilman Meador moved to approve the resolution in support of Wild Wonderful Summers County. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Councilman Meador moved to approve \$3,000 for the playground for Wild Wonderful Summers County. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Carol Jackson thanked the city for painting the CFM House and also the bathroom installation.
6. Department Heads brief – Fire Chief Pivont stated that they had answered 11 calls last month. Council discussed with Ray the extra equipment needed for the fire truck and told him to order it. Billy Dan Gill stated the Public Works department was patching pot holes and had spent several days moving desks and books from the Middle School to the High School. Also, Public Works has been cutting the brush along Greenbrier Drive. He then asked Council about purchasing a work truck and a dump truck. Council requested bids for each vehicle, returning for action at our next meeting. Police Chief Allen stated his Department had 167 calls for service and discussed the processing of various issues.
7. Approval of Paid July Invoices – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
8. Approval of June Financial report – Councilman Meador moved to approve the June 2020 Financial Report, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
9. Approval of July Financial Report – Councilman Meador moved to approve the July financial report. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
10. Approval of 2020 Budget Revisions – City Manager Cris Meadows discussed the budget revision that was presented. Councilman Leslie moved to approve the budget revision. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
11. Mayors report- Mayor Scott spoke about his communications with state government officials, requesting assistance with our projects. The Mayor met with the President of Brayman Construction (Bluestone Dam); they are interested in helping us with some of our local initiatives. He stated he had met with the owners of Little General and they are interested in the area. We are getting help from the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority with waiving landfill tipping fees for our community cleanup, as well as for the debris from dilapidated buildings. He also met with John Norman from First Energy regarding a planned outage in October on a Saturday for five hours. Mr. Norman also is working on providing funds for our riverfront development and community cleanup.
12. Approval of Committee appointments – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the committee appointments. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Council discussed the commissions and their makeup.
13. Discussion and or action regarding financing of new fire truck – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the financing of the 2020 KME Pumper in the amount of \$470,000 for 10 years @ 2.9%. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

14. Approval of Sewer Project resolutions and agreements – City Manager Cris Meadows described the agreements; the Sanitary Board met earlier today, approving the Mayor to sign all documents. The project will begin in the spring of 2021 and should last about 9 months. Councilman Leslie moved to approve the resolution. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
15. Discussion and or action regarding bids for roof replacement of the roof at the Railroad Museum – Councilman Leslie moved to accept the two bids. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Council discussed the difference in the bids. Councilman Leslie moved to direct the City Manager to contact our bidders and negotiate price within budget on the 60 mil roofing, including asbestos testing and downspouts. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
16. Personnel – Police Clerk and Public Works – In accordance with WV Code 6-9A-4 (b)(2), Councilman Leslie moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Upon returning to the open meeting, Councilwoman Sorg moved to return from executive session. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
17. Discussion on Home Rule – City Manager Cris Meadows discussed with council the benefits of Home Rule. Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler addressed the process, advising the need to get started soon. Council decided to have a work session on this process, requesting the City Manager to contact a State authority to explain the detailed process.
18. Dilapidated housing update – Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler gave an update on the list of houses that would be torn down. Public Works Director Billy Gill asked about getting access to do the asbestos testing. Mr. Gill is renting a larger excavator and looking into hiring dump trucks to remove the debris as quickly as possible.
19. Discussion regarding city wide cleanup – Mayor Scott stated he is working with the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority to waive tipping fees for this larger debris. City Manager Cris Meadows stated that a four-week schedule, three days a week, was being planned for September/October. This cleanup would be city-wide.
20. Discussion of closure of the pool and waterslide – Mayor Scott stated that one of our lifeguards had tested positive for Covid-19, but no other issues have been reported. He stated that it would be best to proceed with closure of the pool and waterslide park for 2020. Council was in agreement.
21. Discussion regarding establishing a grant committee – Mayor Scott stated he felt it was important to get a grant committee established to write, present and follow up on grant applications for the City.
22. Discussion regarding e-commerce initiative – Mayor Scott stated he felt that it was important to try and help our small retailers establish an e-commerce operation.
23. Discussion regarding Certified Building Inspector – Tom Conway is waiting for the processing of his paper work to obtain his state certification.
24. Adjournment - Councilman Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Jack L. Scott/ Mayor