



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
7:00 p.m. – 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 Larry Meador, Councilman Jim Leslie were present. Councilwoman Roberta Sorg was absent.
2. Approval of Agenda – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
3. Approval of Minutes - Councilman Meador moved to approve the July minutes. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
4. Approval of July 2021 paid bills – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid bills. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
5. Approval of July Financial Report – Councilman Meador moved to approve the July Financial report. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
6. Discussion of middle school housing project- Douglas E. Pauley, a developer, discussed with council purchase of the former Hinton High School and historically renovating it into a 32-unit Affordable Housing for the Elderly and Handicap. Mr. Pauley would do this through a variety of tax credit programs and private sector capital investors. He asked for a piece of city property to be used for green space behind the Veterans Museum and also the city amends their master plan for the historic district. Architect Mike Gioulis spoke about the changes to the master plan to provide additional affordable housing. The property is presently owned by the Summers County Board of Education.
7. Discussion of new Community Park- Patti Crawford and Janima Bond, representing Huddle, spoke about various locations for a new community park. Huddle has \$33,000 for this park. Three (3) locations were discussed: the old skate park site on Summers Street, Riverview School and a property at 15th Avenue/Summers Street owned by the Eades family. The group agreed to review the 15th Avenue/Summers Street property and Mayor Scott will speak with the property owner, Kenny Allman, about the Riverview School site.
8. Department Heads briefs – Public Works Director Billy Dan Gill discussed finishing the public restrooms in the National Historic district. Director Gill advised he was purchasing metal forms for concrete sidewalk replacement and getting ready to work on the river access launch at the Point in Bellepoint. Police Chief Nathan Allen spoke about activity and testing to hire more officers; he also discussed the need for a replacement engine in one of the police vehicles. Chief Pivont reported that there were no major fires. City Manager Cris Meadows spoke about the end of the season pool numbers and advised it had been a positive year. He also mentioned the accountant was coming to work on the PSC report for the Sanitary Board and that the state auditors just left and didn't have anything bad to report. Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler spoke about her work on the dilapidated houses and issues with serving legal papers to property owners. Mayor Scott spoke about a meeting

with U.S. Senator Capito and Congresswoman Miller. He also mentioned Railroad Days moving forward and working on a grant application for Hinton Landing.

9. Approval of Groundwater Ordinance for Hinton Landing – Councilman Meador moved to approve the groundwater ordinance on second reading. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
10. Approval of Technology Center window repair contract – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the contract for the window repair at the Technology Center with Central Glass for \$35,225.00. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
11. Discussion and or action on Suddenlink Franchise agreement – Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler advised work was in progress and will bring it back soon.
12. Discussion and or action regarding property owners with HUD renters- Council discussed the housing issues and the need for more stringent inspections on these properties. Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler and Police Chief Nathan Allen both asked for a copy of the HUD list that City Manager Cris Meadows was able to obtain of such current properties.
13. Discussion regarding property at 201 2nd Ave and 109 2nd Ave – Council discussed that the appraisal was back on the property at 201 2nd ave, Councilman Leslie moved to allow the attorney to negotiate up to \$28,000 to purchase 201 2nd Ave. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Council also authorized Legal Counsel to discuss the property at 109 2nd Ave and another at 506 2nd Avenue.
14. Appointment of City Architect – City Manager Cris Meadows stated that this was needed to help push through the project on the Hardwoods Building as they had secured grants from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), but that they were not providing adequate support to get that project anywhere near completion. City Manager Cris Meadows also stated he had worked with Bryson VanNostrand on the freight depot project and the fire station as well and he recommended him. Councilman Leslie moved to appoint Bryson VanNostrand as City Architect. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
15. Appointment to the police civil service board – No action was taken at this time.
16. Reappointments to Commissions due to term expirations – Councilman Meador moved to reappoint Dwight Emrich to the city Tree Board. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. Councilman Leslie moved to reappoint Patrick Jordan to the Development Authority. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0. Councilman Jordan abstained.
17. Appointment to Unsafe Building Commission – Councilman Meador moved to appoint Tom Conway to the unsafe building commission. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
18. Discussion and or action regarding Asset Management- Council asked City Manager Cris Meadows to discuss the management of the City's assets with our insurance provider, as well as with the WV Municipal League, to see if they have any recommendations on how to best manage the many buildings, parks, vehicles and other assets.
19. Discussion regarding property insurance deductible – Council asked City Manager Cris Meadows to review the renewal options available with our insurance provider, particularly to increase the deductible levels.
20. Discussion and or action regarding grant writer contract – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the contract for the grant writer. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

21. Discussion and or action on paving city streets, alleys and avenues - council discussed the list as presented by City Manager Cris Meadows; no further action was taken at this time.
22. Discussion regarding purchasing security equipment for the fitness center- Council discussed the need to secure this building. Councilman Meador moved to approve the quote by Safe and Sound security to secure the building. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
23. Discussion and or action on JJN Multimedia proposal – Council discussed the proposal and then Councilman Leslie moved to table this item. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.
24. Discussion and or action regarding operations at the Fitness Center – Council discussed needed changes at the Fitness Center to prevent the usage of tax dollars for the center’s operations. Councilman Leslie moved to approve the plan as discussed and as outlined in a memo to be issued by City Manager Cris Meadows. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. City Manager Cris Meadows is to meet in person with the employees affected by these changes.
25. Public comment – No citizens appeared to provide input to the governing body.
26. Adjournment – Councilman Leslie moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Jack L. Scott/ Mayor