



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
7:00 p.m. -- Zoom**

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Mayor Jack Scott called the virtual 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. Approval of Agenda – Councilwoman Sorg moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve the December regular meeting minutes. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
4. Appearance of Citizens – no citizens were in the que to speak. Andrew Davis of the NRRGRDA spoke about the icehouse project and gave a report on it. He stated that it is a three-year project in the process of cleaning up the site with a Brownsfield grant. They will be awarding a contract soon. Candice Helms spoke about the Hardwoods building project and how it was progressing. Mayor Scott expressed the need to get the roof fixed and stated that this grant will help tremendously.
5. Department Heads briefs – Public Works Director Billy Dan Gill stated that the work on the bathrooms at the depot would be done soon and that he had been with the tree trimmers all week. Police Chief Nate Allen spoke about activity and said they had 86 calls for service and 8 traffic citations along with 10 misdemeanor reports over the last month. Deputy Chief Adkins has resigned effective January 27<sup>th</sup>. Cris spoke about the upcoming levy election and all of his preparations for that. Davie Madison stated that he had given out 20 correction notices.
6. Approval of Paid December Invoices – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices for December 2020. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
7. Approval of December 2020 Financial report – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the December 2020 Financial Report, Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
8. Mayors report- Mayor Scott discussed the upcoming community plan presentation and all of the work going into that. El Robinson had put together a plan and slides for the meeting coming up in Charleston. Planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is underway and he is putting together a committee to get started on that.
9. Report from legal counsel – Anna spoke about the home rule document and the complexities of it and that maybe we need to retain a consultant to help with it. She also mentions placing liens on the properties we tore down and getting with Billy Dan this month to get a number to put on those liens.
10. Discussion regarding Vaccination policy and sick day policy – Mayor Scott stated he wanted council to look into what if the employees didn't take the vaccination if offered and then got sick and how the sick day policy worked for COVID.
11. Discussion regarding 150-year planning committee- Council stressed how important this was to get started and that they wanted to make this something that everyone would remember.
12. Discussion regarding purchasing of police cars. Chief Allen stated he had two cars that were worn out and had many issues. Mayor Scott said he had worked on a deal with the county to purchase a used police SUV from the county. He would also like council to authorize the purchase of a truck that could be used by the police department for the many times when they had to move things like the speed trailer and the barricades. Councilman Meador made a motion to purchase the vehicles as stated. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
13. Discussion and or action regarding street trees and baskets. Councilman Jordan stated that he had been working on getting the street trees trimmed and also had gotten a bid to put the flower baskets back up from Greenbrier Nurseries. Council discussed the need for both the trees to be cut and the flower baskets to be purchased and hung back in the spring.

The costs are to be \$3,508.00 Councilman Leslie moved to continue with the purchase of flowers. Councilman Jordan seconds and the motion passes on a vote of 5-0

14. Discussion and or action regarding moving the CVB into the Railroad Museum building- Council discussed how this could be advantageous to both parties as it would keep the museum staffed and offer the CVB a bigger nicer space to have their offices in.
15. Discussion and or action regarding bathrooms behind the railroad museum- council discussed constructing out door bathrooms in the grass space behind the railroad museum. These are greatly needed for outdoor events. Preliminary estimates are about \$10,400 to construction them. Councilman Leslie moved to construct the bathrooms. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
16. Approval of first reading of the dilapidated structure ordinance- Anna discussed that Cris had asked her to look into this. The state had passed a similar law but the cities had to individually pass it to begin the process. She felt that it was needed and better defined the process that she would like to go in the future for handling these homes that needed to be demolished. Council discussed that they would like the hearings to be conducted by the Municipal Judge instead of City Council and asked if they could use the Unsafe building commission instead of another committee. Councilman Leslie moved to dispense with the reading of the ordinance and to make the changes as noted and approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
17. Discussion regarding coal heritage grant application- Cris asked what they would like to apply for in this round of grants. – Councilwoman Sorg moved to apply for the roof replacement for the Railroad Museum. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
18. Adjournment – Councilman Meador moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

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Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

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Jack L. Scott/ Mayor