



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 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 – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes- Councilman Meador made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
4. Appearance of Citizens – County Commissioner Mike Gore was on the call and stated he wanted to see the city and county administrations work together for the betterment of all the citizens.
5. Department Heads briefs – Public Works Director Billy Dan Gill stated they had finished the handrails on third ave and he has started an informational Facebook page. He also sending two men to training to inspect backflow valves. Police Chief Nathan Allen spoke about activity and said they had 79 calls for service and 45 traffic citations along with 7 misdemeanor reports and 3 felony arrests and 69 building checks over the last month. The chief also stated that the K9 had been used several time on those felony arrests that were from traffic stops. Cris spoke about working on a project to get bus service to Hinton and attending a webinar about getting congressional earmarks for local projects. Davie Madison stated that he had given out 10 correction notices and 5 tow stickers.
6. Approval of Paid February Invoices – Councilman Meador moved to approve the paid invoices for February 2021. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
7. Approval of February 2021 Financial report – Councilman Meador moved to approve the February 2021 Financial Report, Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
8. Approval of budget for 2021-2022 – Councilman Leslie moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Council returned from executive session station no action was taken. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the budget for 2021-2022. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. Councilman Leslie then asked if the council would amend the motion to include elimination of the Salary Scale, the cost of living adjustment and the bonus. Councilman Jordan agreed to amend the motion to included approval of the budget as well as elimination of the salary scale, the cost of living adjustment and the bonus. Councilwoman Sorg seconded that motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
9. Approval of resolution of support for the Coal Heritage application – Cris stated that a new requirement of the grant was a resolution of support and this was for the roof at the

Railroad museum. Councilman Leslie moved to approve the resolution of support and Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

10. Mayors report- Mayor Scott discussed the CSO project and informed council that it was running behind schedule due to easement and permit issues. He discussed the need to do building inspections downtown specifically vacant ones. He discussed hiring the seasonal workers April 1st and beginning cleanup immediately. He also mentioned that the city was supposed to receive more stimulus money.
11. Report from legal counsel – Anna stated that the home rule draft should be ready to present to council next month. She discussed reviewing contracts and working on the sanitary board easements.
12. Report on progress of the icehouse project – Anna stated she had provided ownership and title work to the project team this month.
13. Discussion regarding railroad days – Council discussed the importance of this festival and how much we needed it to continue.
14. Discussion regarding Hardwoods building progress – Candice gave a report on the grant activity and that she was sending in the ad for construction on the stabilization grant and also getting bids on the roof to work on the second grant.
15. Discussion on spring cleanup dates – Council discussed how popular the fall cleanup was and decided to do it again in April. Plans will be made to do a similar one as the fall and we will release information on that very soon. Possibly doing it for two weeks along with the community trash pickup.
16. Discussion on state paving in July – Mayor Scott mentioned that the state was supposed to pave Temple and Summers Streets this coming July. He was also trying to get them to fix the broken curbing and had sent them pictures of how bad it is.
17. Discussion on E-Commerce – Mayor Scott stated how important that he felt that this is to help our local businesses that struggled during Covid the last 12 month and he was continuing to pursue this effort.
18. Discussion regarding Urban planning grant- Mayor Scott stated he was looking into grant opportunities possibly working with the NRGRDA on a urban planning grant.
19. Discussion regarding in person meetings in April and opening city hall – Council stated they felt it would be safe however Councilwoman Sorg stated that with her current situation she would not be attending in person at this time. City hall will open back up on April 1st and Council meetings will be back to in person.
20. Adjournment – Councilman Meador moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Jack L. Scott/ Mayor