



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
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 Pat Jordan, Councilman Jack Scott and Councilwoman Roberta Sorg were present. Councilman Larry Meador was absent.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Assistant Fire Chief Steve Pack led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda – Councilman Scott moved to approve the agenda noting that items 9-14 were being switched to allow our guest Mike Gioulis to leave early. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Councilwoman Sorg moved to approve the minutes of the April Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
5. Approval of Paid Invoices – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
6. Approval of Financial Report April 2018 – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the financial report. Councilman Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.
7. The appearance of Citizens – none
8. Public Hearing on Grant Application – Mayor Blankenship adjourned the meeting for a public hearing on the CSO grant application. Cris Meadows discussed with council and the public the need for the project along with the possible financing solutions and the debt service payments. No one from the public stated any concerns for the project.
9. Approval of resolutions for HUD grant application- Councilman Scott moved to approve the resolutions for the HUD grant application. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
10. Discussion and or action regarding HHLC ordinance first reading – Council discussed the changes in the ordinance. Councilman Jordan moved to approve the first reading. Councilman Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
11. Discussion and or action regarding Historic District Design Guidelines - Council discussed the document and Mike Gioulis our historic preservation consultant went over the various elements of the guidelines. Councilman Jordan moved to approve and adopt the guidelines on the recommendation of the Historic Landmark Commission. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
12. Discussion and or action nuisance ordinance changes second reading- Mayor Blankenship emphasized the importance of these changes to allow us to expedite nuisance issues. Councilwoman Sorg moved to approve the second and final reading of the changes and

waive the reading. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

Chapter ~~18~~

NUISANCES

ENVIRONMENT

ARTICLE. NUISANCES GENERALLY.

State law reference—Authority to prohibit accumulation of garbage, refuse, etc., W. Va. Code, § 8-12-5(10); authority to prevent injury or annoyance to individuals from anything dangerous, offensive or unwholesome, § 8-12-5(13); authority to provide for the elimination of hazards to public health and safety and to abate or cause to be abated anything which in the opinion of a majority of the governing body is a public nuisance, W. Va. Code, § 8-12-5(23).

¹Sec. 1. Prohibited.

Every nuisance as declared, mentioned or defined in this Code shall be prohibited. (Code 1989, § 1; Ord. No. 34, 1927)

²Sec. 2. Notice to Abate Nuisance.

Whenever the Mayor or the Chief of Police or the City Manager or the Code Enforcement officer shall have knowledge of the existence of anything or condition constituting a nuisance dangerous to the public health or whenever the Mayor, City Manager, Code enforcement officer or Chief of Police shall have knowledge of the existence of anything or condition constituting a nuisance, the Mayor, City Manager, Code enforcement officer or Chief of Police shall give notice to the person responsible for such nuisance to show cause before the **Municipal Judge**, at a time and place to be specified in such notice, why such nuisance should not be abated, discontinued or removed. Such notice shall not be valid unless served on the party to whom it is directed at least ten days before the time specified in such notice for the hearing before the **Municipal Judge**. **This Notice shall be served as a Correction Notice to the party and they shall have not more than 10 days to abate the nuisance or show cause before the Municipal Judge.** (Code 1989, § 2)CCM 2018)

Sec. 5. Hearing by Municipal Judge

At the time and place indicated in such notice for the hearing, the person to whom the notice is directed may appear before the Municipal Judge in person or by an attorney or he may show cause by properly verified affidavit. (Code 1989, § 5)CCM2018)

13. Discussion and or action fire billing ordinance – Council discussed the ability to bill insurance companies for fire department services on auto wrecks and other emergency

needs. Cris stated that council had approved this a while back but that he had finally found a good company to do it for us and in order to start charging a new fee they need to pass this new ordinance. Councilman Scott moved to approve the first reading of the fire billing ordinance. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.

14. Approval of appointment to the CASE board – Cris stated that currently there was not any local representation on the CASE board and he felt it best to have a voice on things that affected the city. Council agreed and Cris agreed to serve on the board. Councilman Sorg moved to appoint Cris Meadows to the CASE Board to represent the City of Hinton’s interests. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 3-0.
15. Councilwoman Sorg 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

Joseph M. Blankenship/ Mayor