



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
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. Councilman Meador seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes- Councilwoman Sorg made a motion to approve the October minutes. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion. Councilwoman Sorg stated that the High School gym should be changed to middle school gym. Councilwoman Sorg withdrew her motion and Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and Councilman Leslie made a substitute motion the minutes be approved with the exception of the change from high school to middle school. Councilman Jordan 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.
5. Department Heads briefs – Public Works Director Billy Dan Gill stated that 74 loads of trash were hauled away in the cleanup. The new truck is supposed to be delivered in mid-December. Council discussed where to set the train lights and the decorations through town. Police Chief Nate Allen spoke about activity and said they had 92 calls for service and 9 traffic citations over the last month and then discussed the governor’s order on the indoor mask mandate and the department’s ability and obligation to answer these calls how he was handling it. Mayor Scott thanked Chief Allen with helping with the ejections at the HUB building and the continuing problem on that issue. Cris spoke about the carpet being installed at DHHR and the new lease should be back after the holiday. He also discussed the BOE being interested in space at the Technology Building. Council discussed the various buildings that could be rented and changes that would need to be made to suit tenants. Davie Madison spoke about his activity said he had 3 cars moved and served 15 corrections notices. He also mentioned talking to the people dumping in the alley on third avenue. Councilman Jordan mentioned talking to Andrew about the trash inside the building on the corner of Third Avenue. Mayor Scott stated he would call Andrew about that issue. Mayor Scott also mentioned working on enforcement of the ordinance for everyone to use trash cans and not drop the bags on the curb. Council stated that something had to be done about the Steve Pulliam building on Third Ave before it was lost. They asked the city attorney to get involved in that after the second notice. They asked the police department to serve the second notice. They asked if Billy had given the paperwork to Anna yet about the demolitions. Councilman Leslie discussed the dog warden report and that their was a recurring problem on Summers Street and in the west end. He said he would put it in a spreadsheet and then would be able to better see where the most

problems were coming from. Chief Allen said they didn't get many complaints but they did have to go assist the dog warden at least once last month.

6. Approval of Paid October Invoices – Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices for October 2020. Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Councilman Leslie asked about Aspen and Cris stated that he had canceled all the contracts and that they needed to be paid through the end of the year. Councilwoman Sorg asked about a reimbursement for Mayor Scott for a dinner. Mayor Scott stated that he had purchased dinner for the students on the Fulcrum Project. She also asked about the analysis on 13<sup>th</sup> ave and Billy stated that was for an asbestos inspection.
7. Approval of October 2020 Financial report – Councilman Leslie moved to approve the October 2020 Financial Report, Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
8. Mayors report- Mayor Scott gave an update on the community cleanup and that nearly 25 tons of debris was hauled and the tipping fees were all waived. He thanked all of the Street Crew for their hard work on the project and stated that they were going to lose the extra help at the end of the month. He also mentioned upcoming holiday events that are in the works such as the vendors setting up in town on Small Business Saturday and Mistletoe Market. He discussed Chad Meador being named the Spirit of Hinton for all of his community effort but also for all of the work that he has put in with the COVID pandemic. HE is also honoring all of the frontline workers both emergency service personnel and medical staff. This year's parade route will be different and drive through the whole town so that people won't have to just come down town and stand on the sidewalk that they can watch from the front porch in most instances. Hew also has been working on a 20-minute TV spot to highlight the city and it will be run on both FOX and CBS on four different nights. The second environmental study has been complete on the DOH property on Hinton Landing and he has also met with the water company on them giving us their piece of that property. He also mentioned the FULCRUM project and meeting with the students again about the landing and what they have put together for us. He stated that he had met with the BOE about their intentions with the Middle School.
9. Report from legal counsel – Anna spoke about the mask mandate and stated that the burden is really on the businesses to make sure the customers comply. She briefly discussed that the owners of the houses that were demolished would be sent invoices based on the cost of the work. Then a lien would be placed on the property to collect the money spent. Council discussed the process of assessing a value of the demolitions and how or if they should be pursued.
10. Update on Home Rule – Anna stated that she thought maybe they could establish a subcommittee that could begin to focus on what to include in the application. Council discussed this and stated that they may need another work session to determine the best way to handle the application. Council had a brief discussion on giving Christmas bonuses both past policies and how they have been should be handled in the future.
11. Approval of Citizen participation plan for HUD grant – Cris stated that this was an updated document from the one that was approved last month that the wording needed changed to update it. Councilman Leslie moved to approve the citizen participation plan. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
12. Personnel – Councilman Leslie moved to table the personnel item for police. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
13. Adjournment – Councilman Leslie moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jordan 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