



**Acts of
City Council of Hinton
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton 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 Jim Leslie, Councilman Larry Meador, and Councilwoman Roberta Sorg were all present.
2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance – Cris Meadows led the prayer and pledge.
3. Approval of Agenda – Councilwoman Sorg moved to approve the agenda. Council President Jordan seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
4. Approval of Minutes- Council President Jordan made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
5. Appearance of Citizens – no citizens were in attendance that wanted to comment but Mayor Scott stated that there was sadness in the community due to losing our first person to the COVID pandemic.
6. Department Heads briefs – Public Works Director Billy Dan Gill stated that twelve (12) homes had been demolished and 45 loads of trash had been hauled away. Legal Counsel Anna Ziegler discussed the homes that were demolished, including owner transfer to the City or lien on that property. Fire Chief Ray Pivont spoke about the new Firetruck that had just been delivered Friday, October 16 and about the house fire at 822 Temple Street that was a total loss. Police Chief Nate Allen spoke about the “Golden Ticket” program during community clean-up and gave a short report of activity, including business door checks. Davie Madison spoke about the 150 correction notices that had been given out so far this year.
7. Approval of Paid September Invoices – Councilman Meador moved to approve the paid invoices for September 2020. Council President Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
8. Approval of September 2020 Financial report – Council President Jordan moved to approve the September 2020 Financial Report, Councilwoman Sorg seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
9. Mayors report- Mayor Scott stated we have made significant progress. The 11th Ave project has almost been completed; burned homes on Temple Street and 9th Ave were torn down as well as a burned property on 13th Ave. We completed these demolitions and removal well below our expectations regarding cost. A special thanks to our Public Works Department for their labor and expertise during this major project. Mayor Scott also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for assisting with these projects. We will begin meeting next week to prioritize our next group of properties that need razed next spring. The community clean-up has gone well so far. It is a really big job but needed to be done. Thanks again to our Public Works Department personnel who are hauling off these unwanted items. Thank you to the Police Department who also contributed to the efforts.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Our litter sweep will be rescheduled for early November, weather permitting. Thank you to city employees Police Chief Nathan Allen, Councilman Leslie, Candice Helms, Anna Ziegler and Cris Meadows for braving the weather during our sweep. We picked up almost 30 bags of trash along Stokes Drive. Work along Greenbrier and Stokes drive has been completed and it looks great. We didn't attempt a lot of paving this fall for several reasons. The CSO job in Bellepoint will include some paving there and we want to see which streets will be repaved. Our hope is to use the B&O tax money from that job to do a more ambitious paving plan next spring or summer in the city. The top of Third Ave and Nelson street were recently paved. Our holiday planning group is making progress. We plan to have several pop-up shops in empty stores and utilize the McCreery, Freight Depot and Middle School Gym to host vendors. Plans are being made with COVID and safety concerns in mind, but we want to do all we can to encourage our community to support local businesses. Congratulations to our Fire Department on their new truck. We are blessed to have a nice Fire Station, good equipment and dedicated employees who work or volunteer there. Thank you to Candice Helms for getting a \$40,000 grant for the Hardwoods building restoration. We are hopeful to use this money to obtain more matching help. We are still waiting on the price from the WV-American Water Company for the purchase of the land at Hinton Landing. The WVDOH has also not completed their Phase II study of their property at Hinton Landing. We had a site meeting with the students from WVU Fulcrum Project regarding the Hinton Landing and River Access plan. We also have a Zoom call with them Friday to begin the process of planning. We have had conversations with Region 1, NRGEDA, and all of our congressional representatives. We have learned that the CSO project is not completely grantable. A \$500,000 loan must be obtained by the Sanitary Board. The project should begin next June or July with substantial completion by May, 2022.

10. Approval of Committee appointments – Mayor Scott recommended Barbara Palmer to be appointed to the Tree Board. Councilman Leslie moved to appoint Barbara to a 3-year term ending June 2023. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
11. Approval of HUD/ Small Cities Evidentiary Materials – Jeff Raines from Region I explained the multiple paperwork for the \$1.5-million-dollar grant that will align our policies with that of the federal government to process our grant. Councilman Meador moved to approve the resolution accepting the terms. Council President Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Councilman Meador moved to approve the HATCH Act resolution. Council President Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Councilman Meador moved to approve the remaining evidentiary materials as presented. Council President Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.
12. Adjournment – Council President Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Leslie seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Cris C. Meadows/ City Manager

Jack L. Scott/ Mayor