



**Acts of  
City Council of Hinton  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday September 15, 2009  
7:00 p.m. -- Hinton Technology Center**

1. **Call to order / Roll Call** – Mayor Blankenship opened the meeting and stated let the record show all are present. Councilman Oxley, Councilman Meador, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Basham, City Manager Cris Meadows, and Attorney Richard Gunnoe were all present.
2. **Invocation / Pledge of allegiance** – Lynn Maddy led the devotions and Council led the pledge.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Councilman Meador moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all aye.
4. **Approval of Minutes August 18, 2009 and August 25, 2009-** Councilman Meador moved to approve the minutes of August 18 and August 25. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
5. **Approval of August 2009 paid invoices** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the paid invoices for August. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
6. **Approval of August 2009 financials** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the financials of August 2009. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
7. **Approval of 2008-2009 yearly financial report** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the 2008-2009 yearly financial report. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
8. **Approval of Unpaid Invoices** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the unpaid invoices. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
9. **Approval of building permits** Councilman Jordan moved to approve the building permits. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Council stated that they would like to have the contractors license number added to the forms.
10. **Appearance of Citizens** – **Margie Temple** spoke regarding the historic Hinton holiday bazaar held yearly in the tech center. She asked for continued use of the facility for the bazaar. Council stated to put it on the next agenda but they didn't see it would be a problem. **Virginia Fitzwater** asked if a correction notice had been served on her neighbor. Chief Martin off on compensation and was unable to answer. **Fred Long** stated that the Festival of the Rivers had its biggest turnout ever. He suggested we have some power issues worked out before next year's festival.
11. **Approval of resolution to adopt a regional hazard mitigation plan** – Mayor Blankenship read the resolution and Councilman Jordan moved to approve the resolution. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
12. **Discussion and or action concerning resolution to include the Historic District & “the point” & Bateau Beach in New River Gorge National River, Division of National Park Service-** Mayor Blankenship asked Don Striker from the National Park Service to answer any questions regarding the proposed resolution. Councilman Oxley moved to amend the resolution to include the Avis Bridge and approve the resolution. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

# RESOLUTION

**The City Council of Hinton, West Virginia**, voted to approve the following Resolution dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, to be an official act and endorsement of this Council.

## **First Finding of Fact:**

**Whereas**, the New River flows through Summers County from the Southern county-line to the Northern County line, through the City of Hinton, West Virginia;

**Whereas**, the New River Gorge National River is a unique resource appropriately designated by the National Park Service as one of 391 units of the national park system;

**Whereas**, the relationship between the National Park Service and the City of Hinton, West Virginia has benefited the City of Hinton, West Virginia, a gateway to the National River, in the mutual goal of balancing the conservation of our irreplaceable cultural and natural resources with the opportunity for sustainable economic development;

**Whereas**, the City of Hinton is blessed with several recreational and historical sites, not all of which are currently included within the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, sites that face increasing threats from neglect and unsustainable development pressure;

**Whereas**, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of this City, its citizens, and our nation's citizens if our unique recreational, cultural and natural resources are properly protected. Such protection would afford significant economic development opportunities for our city if certain property, located near or adjacent to the New River Gorge National River were included in the boundaries of the National River and were managed by and in accordance with the rules, regulations, and laws governing the National Park Service. Specifically, this City Council supports the inclusion within the New River Gorge National River boundary of: (1) the **Hinton Historic District**; (2) the area on the New River known as **Bateau Beach or the Hinton Landing and from there extending to the top of the historic overhead bridge**; and (3) the **point at the confluence of the New and Greenbrier Rivers** near the community of Bellepoint. The latter two identified areas are currently owned by the City of Hinton;

**Now, Therefore**, be it resolved that this Council supports and endorses the re-designation of the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River to include the **Historic District in downtown Hinton, West Virginia**, the area commonly known as **Bateau Beach or Hinton Landing** located in or near the community of Avis, West Virginia **and from there extending to the top of the historic overhead bridge**, and the **point of land at the confluence of the New River and Greenbrier River** in or near Bellepoint, West Virginia currently owned by the City of Hinton.

**Further**, be it resolved that the City Council of Hinton formally requests that the U.S. Congress include this boundary expansion and re-designate the New River Gorge National River as the New River Gorge **National Park**.

**Adopted** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 by the City Council of Hinton, West Virginia.

13. **Informational Item** - Councilman Meador moved to delete item thirteen and allow for an informational item. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Mayor Blankenship thanked Virginia Fitzwater and Betty Basham who presented the city with a check for \$2,098.00 raised by Avis Kids to be used for construction of the Skate Park.
14. **Discussion and or action concerning pool lifeguard** – Mayor Blankenship stated he was going on record as saying he planned on hiring a professional certified lifeguard to be present at all times during the pool operation hours.
15. **Discussion and or action to conduct a public hearing and consider on third and final reading and act upon a proposed bond ordinance providing for the issuance of its Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 A and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 B (the “Bonds”).** The proceeds of the bonds will be used (i) to pay a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the existing sewerage system of the Issuer (the “Project”); and (ii) to pay certain costs of issuance hereof and related costs. The Bonds are payable solely from revenues to be derived from the ownership and operation of the sewer system of the City. Mayor Blankenship read the agenda item and asked for a motion to approve the final reading of the ordinance. Councilman Meador moved to approve the final reading of the bond ordinance. Councilman Oxley seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
16. **Discussion and or action concerning hiring Deputy City Clerk** – Mayor Blankenship asked for Cris’s recommendation for the position. Cris stated he was recommending Vicky Gunter. Councilman Oxley moved to hire Vicky Gunter on the recommendation of the city manager. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
17. **Discussion and or action concerning hiring a 90 day police officer** – Mayor Blankenship stated that at this current time the police department was short handed due to having Officer Mills at the police academy till December, Officer Lucas at the Dog Training school till November, and currently Chief Martin is out on workers compensation. He recommended that Jackie Adkins be hired as a 90 day policeman while we were experiencing these losses. Councilman Oxley moved to hire Jackie Adkins for 90 days on the recommendation of the mayor. Councilman Basham seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes
18. **Discussion and or action concerning Tricities Power Authority members** – Mayor Blankenship requested that council replace former Mayor Cleo Mathews on the Tricities Power Authority with himself. Councilman Oxley moved to replace Cleo Mathews on the Tricities Power Authority with Joe Blankenship. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Mayor Blankenship did not vote.
19. **Discussion and or action concerning bid opening for demolition-** City Manager, Cris Meadows, opened the bids one at a time and read them allowed for the record. Empire Salvage bid as follows \$15,000.00 for the city fire station, \$25,000.00 for the old county jail, \$15,000.00 for the old welfare building, \$15,000.00 for the OR Grimmatt building. Whitten Construction bid \$84,500.00 to demolish the fire station, jail, and welfare building. Paul Sears logging bid \$48,500.00 for the jail, \$17,800.00 for the welfare building, \$14,200.00 for the fire department and \$27,500.00 for the OR Grimmatt building. Councilman Oxley moved to approve the bids and accept Empire Salvage as the low bidder stating that we were not ready to tear down these but we needed this bid to help us decide on a site for the new fire station. Councilman Meador seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.
20. **Discussion and or action concerning bid approval for the Goldcoast project.** – Mayor Blankenship read the resolution which gives him the authority to sign all documents relating to the Gold Coast Sewer project. Councilman Basham moved to approve the resolution as read.

Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes. Mayor Blankenship abstained

**21. Discussion and or action concerning the appointment to senior board -** Councilman Meador moved to appoint Councilman Oxley as the city representative on the senior board. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes

**22. Informational Items**

**Council** – Councilman Meador asked the manager to look into the money raised for the swimming pool design and find out where it went. Ginny Hatcher had presented the idea to council last year.

**Department Heads** – Chief Pivont asked to begin the process of purchasing a new fire truck. He stated that it could take over a year and he would like to begin working towards a new engine. Council agreed to let Ray begin searching out designs and estimates. Cris Meadows stated that he had received two bids to do the new skate park one would be to repave with asphalt for 8,400 and 9,500 to concrete it. Council agreed to spend the money to have it in concrete due to the fact it should last longer with and has a smoother surface.

**23. Adjournment / Next Regular Meeting October 20, 2009** – Mayor Blankenship thanked council and asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Oxley moved for adjournment. Councilman Jordan seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote of all ayes.

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**Mayor Blankenship**

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**City Manager/ Cris Meadows**