

James Allen “Jimmy” Leslie

James Allen “Jimmy” Leslie was born in Hinton on June 28, 1945, the son of James Allen, Sr. and Beulah Frances (Hank) Leslie. Jimmy grew up in the West End of Hinton. {As an adult, he became “Jim”} His father was a railroader and his mother a homemaker. He was raised with the goodness of small-town values and the principle of hard work. His mother put him to work early delivering the Hinton Daily News, from the 5th Avenue all the way to the West End. He came to know every street and corner and its citizens.

A life-long resident of Hinton, he attended Riverview School, played Little League Baseball, attended Hinton High School where he was a member of the Key Club, Hi-Y, played basketball and football, and graduated with the Class of 1963. He attended West Virginia University and graduated from Concord College in Athens.

He is proud of his hometown and has long been an active member of the community, devoted to helping its citizens, his neighbors, and all who visit to gain a wonderful small-town experience. He was blessed to be able to serve Hinton for over 20 years as a dedicated public servant. Jim began his public service in 1973 when he was elected to serve a 2-year term of office as Councilman. He went on to serve the City of Hinton as its Mayor for eighteen (18) years (1983-2001).

He says there is much more to be done and contribute to the City’s economic and community growth and decided to seek a term on the City Council. He began his role in the current governing body with a new 4-year term of office that began July

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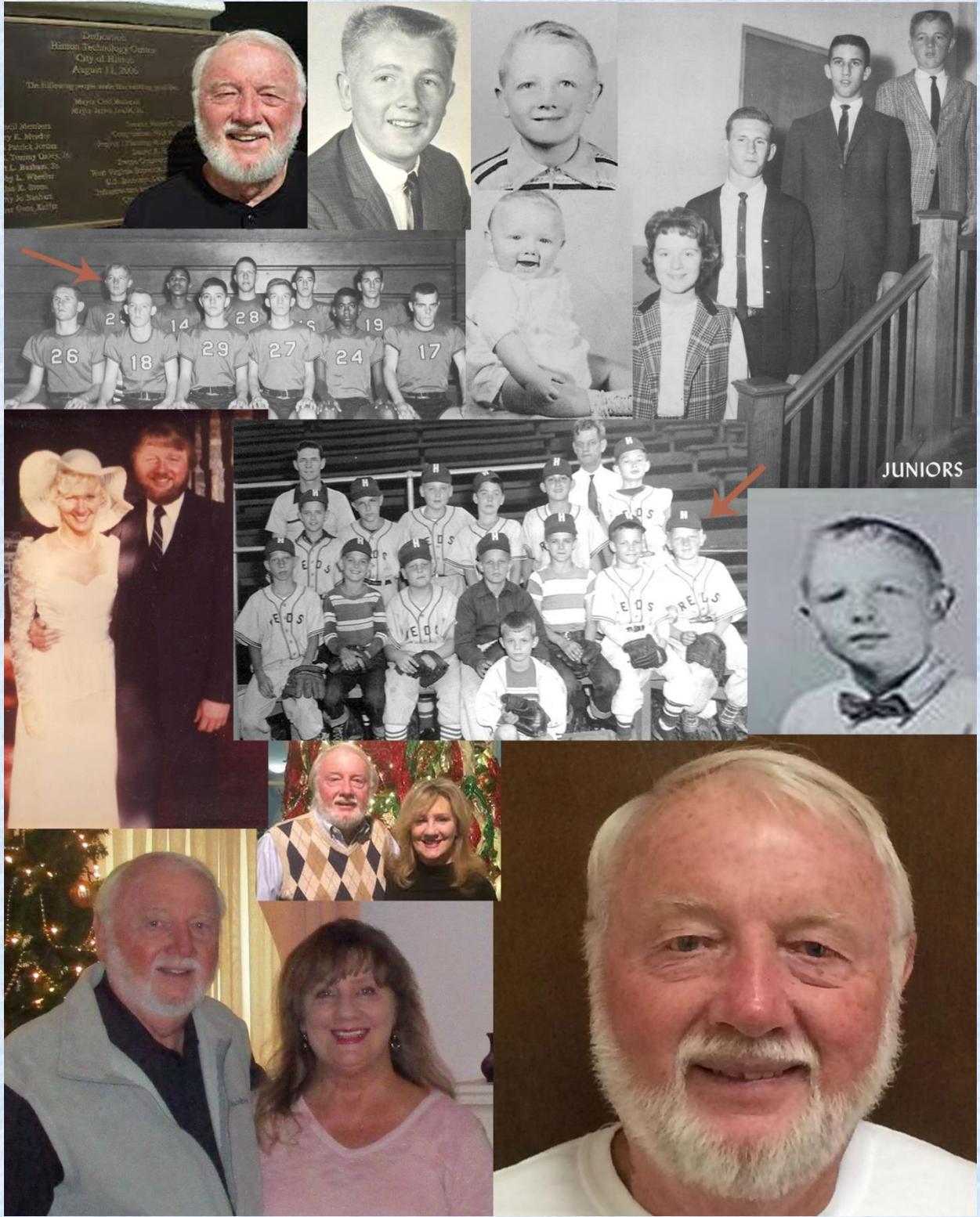
1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024. Jim says, “I will always have the love of my hometown in my heart. As a Council member, my commitment is to improve services that are vital to Hinton, services to all the residents of the city, not just those who share my views or those who voted for me. These essential services include community health, public safety, land use and planning, parks, public works such as street maintenance, water, sewer, storm water management and economic and community activity. To accomplish this commitment teamwork is required by the members of this governing body, working together to move the agenda forward, build trust, and create a civic culture of mutual respect that makes progress possible.”

Jim’s efforts are reflected throughout the City of Hinton and as he quotes; “I am, and forever will be, most proud to call Hinton my hometown. I, likewise, am eager to return to helping my beautiful hometown be all that it can be!”

Jim and his wife, Carla, reside in Hinton and are the proud parents of four (4) children: Derrick (Missy); Brian Bowling (Michelle); Heath (Brooke); and Heather. They enjoy two (2) grandsons and four (4) granddaughters.

Jimmy Leslie – We Salute You!

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