COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER
The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council was called to order at City Hall by Mayor Darrell Trahan at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM
City Clerk Joetta Smith and Councilors Pat Grubbs, Guy Roden, Scott Thomas, Roger Eoff, Leslie Evans, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilor Dotson was absent. Deputy Clerk Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilor Thomas shared the invocation and Councilor Meythaler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilor Grubbs made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of a noise ordinance under New Business, and it was seconded by Councilor Roden; motion passed 7 to 0. Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved 7 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
No special guests introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
No special business conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to accept the council meeting minutes of September 13 as submitted was made by Councilor Ford and seconded by Councilor Roden; motion passed 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
New residents to Huntsville area, Anthony Raphael and Dustin Dalia with Remnant Road Ministries, introduced themselves to the council and inquired as to ways they might be of help to the Huntsville community. Huntsville residents attended the meeting to receive updates on the status of their neighbor’s property clean-up. Mayor Trahan reported that the resident on Hawkins St. was given 30 days’ notice to repair his residence to meet city code.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
• Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
• Fire Chief Shinn added that he had spoken with Gary Hull, chief of Knob Hill Fire Department, to request coverage of our city at times when our department may be out of area assisting other agencies.
• Mayor Trahan reported that he is not pursuing an industry and not looking to spend any money at the industrial park, while local industries are unable to fill the job openings they currently have.
• Katie Boyd informed the council that the name of Police K9/Drug Fund account had been changed before Ms. Smith retired, as recommended by an auditor, to be known as Police Special Projects Fund. She also
reported that the city had received a second tranche of ARPA funds ($696.10) in General Fund and the money had been transferred to the ARPA account.

- Ms. Holt reported that because of cost saving measures from the street department they were able to purchase a 25-foot maple tree and large amount of sod to the new playground area on College St, and she hopes to hold a ribbon cutting soon.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:

- Water and Sewer Commission – September 2
- Planning Commission – September 27
- Airport commission – no meeting

- Econ. Development – no meeting
- Park Commission – no meeting

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilor Thomas to place proposed Ordinance 2021-2, AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, on its second reading; seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 7 to 0. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Trahan introduced a discussion of the city’s classification. He explained that after the recent census moved Huntsville’s classification to a city of the first class by exceeding a population of 2500, we may elect to remain a city of the second class. After some discussion, Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution that had been prepared to reduce classification from city of the first class to city of the second class. Motion was seconded by Councilor Ford. After roll call vote, motion unanimously passed 7 to 0.

Mayor Trahan introduced AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING CITY WARDS. Mayor expressed his gratitude for the hard work of Ms. Tamitha Blocker, Madison County Clerk, in redistricting the city’s wards. He also stated that all council members remained in their current wards. Motion was made by Councilor Ford to approve the ordinance and place it on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed 7 to 0. Motion was made by Councilor Roden to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Trahan opened the floor for discussion of a noise ordinance. Councilor Grubbs stated that she had been contacted by a resident of her ward about noise problems in her neighborhood, but resident was told by the Police Department that there was no noise ordinance in place. Attorney Cain explained that there is a misdemeanor offense, Disturbing the Peace, already in place that officers should utilize, if witnessed by the officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Roden; meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Katie Boyd