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, Scott Thomas, Roger Eoff, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilors Guy Roden and Leslie Evans were absent. Deputy Clerk Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas shared the invocation and Councilor Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff requested that the agenda be amended to add discussion of the problem housing under Old Business; all council members were in favor. Councilor Dotson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved 6 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 October 11 as submitted was made by Councilor Thomas and seconded by Councilor Eoff; motion passed 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Blocker thanked those that attended the Huntsville School District bike trail grand opening. Samantha Freeman asked the Council for an update on the housing issue with the Hawkins St. resident. Council asked Ms. Freeman if it could be discussed under Old Business, to which she agreed.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
- Police Chief Thomas shared that calls for the year, just through October, are double the number that they were 5 years ago for the year. New officer will be going to academy training in January.
- Water Department Director Davis added that over the next three to six months, they were working on a ten to twenty-year infrastructure plan for the water department.
- Fire Chief Shinn stated that they were behind on inspections. He noted that it appears the Assistant Fire Chief will be going to boot camp in January. He hopes to get people trained in the future to do inspections on all businesses in the community, which is required by ISO.
- Mayor Trahan stated that there had been a very productive meeting of the Wage and Position committee and thanks to Councilor Roden we will have a plan to present. He noted that we will also have a budget to
present at the next meeting and final approval will be in January. He thanked Brandi Holt for presenting a Key to the City to Kyla Morgan Templeton for her efforts in procuring grant funding for the multi-use trail at the Huntsville Middle School, as he was unable to attend the trail opening.

- Katie Boyd asked the Council if the Airport Commission account may borrow money, if needed, to cover expenses until Airport account receives reimbursement for grant funds; Councilors agreed. She stated that by the month of October, we had exceeded our expected revenue for 2021. She noted there will be a resolution presented to operate temporarily under 2021 budget until Council approves 2022 budget in January. Councilor Dotson asked Ms. Boyd if there will be a committee formed to handle the ARPA funds. Ms. Boyd stated that the Municipal League has advised that we delay in making plans until the upcoming changes to spending guidelines, are finalized.

- Ms. Holt reminded everyone about the Lighting of the Square event on November 19, adding that the Huntsville Middle School Choir will be performing and encouraged all to attend.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Water and Sewer Commission – October 7
- Planning Commission – October 25
- Econ. Development – no meeting

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilor Eoff 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 third reading; seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 6 to 0. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Councilor Dotson to pass said ordinance; seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 6 to 0 after roll call vote.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to place proposed Ordinance 2021-3, REDISTRICTING OF CITY WARDS, on its second reading; motion seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed 6 to 0. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Trahan opened the floor for discussion of housing situation on Hawkins Street. Attorney Cain supplied to Council a notice, addressed to Justin Evans, stating that the Council may consider a resolution in December to condemn the property on Hawkins Street, owned by Mr. Evans. Attorney Cain stated that the notice will be hand delivered by Police Chief Thomas as soon as he is able to do so. Cain read the written notice aloud. He stated that Mr. Evans will be afforded time at the December council meeting to show cause, if any, to avoid this step. Some discussion occurred about other properties in town that will need to be addressed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business conducted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Meythaler; meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Katie Boyd

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City Clerk, Joetta Smith                       Mayor Darrell Trahan