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 Guy Roden, Roger Eoff, Travis Dotson, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilors Pat Grubbs 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 Roden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion approved 6 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
A public hearing was held during this time for a conditional use zoning permit application presented by Mr. Kelly Lindsey on behalf of Madison County Cowboy Church. No public objections were presented.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
No special business conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to accept the council meeting minutes of December 13 as submitted was made by Councilor Eoff and seconded by Councilor Ford; motion passed 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Nick Phillips, candidate for Madison County Sheriff, introduced himself to the Council.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
- Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
- Fire Chief Shinn shared a spreadsheet of call activity per firefighter.
- Mayor Trahan thanked Councilor Thomas for conducting the December meeting in his absence.
- Finance Director Boyd noted that the sales tax received in December was the highest amount ever received and that the ending balance in General Fund was higher than anticipated.
- Brandi Holt requested, on behalf of Economic Development Commission, that Council take into consideration the Commission’s remaining 2021 budget, nearly $12,000, to be used towards the purchase of new highway signage in the upcoming year. Councilor Roden made a motion to allow those funds to be used for that purpose, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 6 to 0.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
- Water and Sewer Commission – December 2
- Planning Commission – December 20
- Econ. Development – December 15
- Airport Commission – December 27

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Shane Matson, with PbH Basham, addressed Council to reiterate their desire to purchase the Basham building. City Attorney Cain stated that the Council would need to decide at the forefront whether they are interested in disposing of the building and a portion of the property. Cain also stated that no monetary statements had been discussed with Matson. Councilor Eoff made a motion to work towards sale of building, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Roll call vote passed the motion 6 to 0.

Councilor Dotson asked Police Chief Thomas to share the topic of his discussion with Mr. Evans, immediately prior to the evening’s meeting. Chief Thomas stated that Mr. Evans asked if he would be permitted time to remove his belongings before structure was to be removed. Councilor Roden confirmed with Planning Director Jennifer Thomas that Mr. Evans had not submitted a building permit application. Attorney Cain stated that Mr. Evans will be served with a certified copy of the Resolution by Chief Thomas, allowing 30 days for Mr. Evans to bring the property up to code requirements or remove any property. The City would then sell any property, if any, raze the building, and sell the land. The City would recover any costs of razing and cleaning of the property, and remaining funds would be provided to Mr. Evans. Councilor Dotson made a motion to condemn the property by approving the resolution for condemnation as presented, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion 6 to 0. Resolution was numbered 3-2022.

NEW BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE MEETING RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS was presented by Mayor Trahan. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion passed the resolution 6 to 0. Resolution was numbered 1-2022. The Council appointed Councilor Thomas to serve as president pro tempore in the mayor’s absence.

Mayor Trahan asked Council to consider an amendment to the 2022 budget presented last month, increasing salaries as follows: 1) Increase commissioner pay from $25 to $35 per meeting. Councilor Eoff made motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion approved 6 to 0. 2) Increase animal control officer salary by 6%, from $6000 to $6360. Motion to approve made by Councilor Ford, seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion approved 6 to 0. 3) Increase salary for Council members and City Clerk from $1500 to $1800 annually. Motion to approve made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion approved 6 to 0.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, APPROPRIATION MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was presented by Mayor Trahan. Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Resolution was approved 6 to 0. Resolution was numbered 2-2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Ford, adjourning at 6:34 p.m.

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