COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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, Scott Thomas, Roger Eoff, Travis Dotson, Leslie Evans, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilor Pat Grubbs was absent. Deputy Clerk Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion approved 7 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
No special guests were introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
No special business conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to accept the council meeting minutes of January 10 as submitted was made by Councilor Thomas and seconded by Councilor Ford; motion passed 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments were shared.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
• Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
• Police Chief Thomas shared that a new officer had been hired. He stated that he found a used 2020 Interceptor patrol car that was being decommissioned by West Siloam Springs for $35,000. It has approximately $12,000 in equipment installed and has 28,000 miles on it. He had spoken with the auditor to verify purchasing rules on a used vehicle. Chief Thomas has that amount in his budget. Councilor Ford made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion passed 7 to 0. Councilor Dotson verified with Chief Thomas that Mr. Evans of Hawkins Street had been served notice of condemnation. Chief Thomas stated that he had been served notice January 25.
• Mayor Trahan commended Street Superintendent Phillips and his department for their hard work clearing the roads during the recent snow event. Several council members concurred.
• Water Department Director Davis updated his report to state that he had received notification from USDA that they would not have the two to six months of delays for financial review as stated in the report.
• Mayor Trahan thanked the Wages and Position Committee for their hard work in the recent meetings. He met with a representative from Congressman Womack’s office and said that Womack would like to have a meeting in the area soon. Mayor informed the Council that Economic Development Commission requested to expand their group by two commissioners. Councilor Dotson made the motion that would expand the number of commissioners to seven, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 7 to 0. Ms. Holt added
that Mayor Trahan had recommended Jarred Rogers to fill the recently vacated seat previously held by Kevin Hatfield. Mr. Rogers was present, accepted the position, and will take his oath at a later date.

- Finance Director Boyd stated that the position in the clerk’s office had been filled by Tresa Cotton. Boyd noted that the sales tax received in January was significantly greater than the record high set in the previous month. She added that statements for fire dues had been sent out.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:

- Water and Sewer Commission – January 6
- Planning Commission – January 24
- Economic Development Commission – January 18 & 26
- Wages & Position Committee – January 24

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Councilors reviewed a copy of the bid notice for the sale of the Basham building, prepared by Attorney Cain. Notice would be advertised in the newspaper for 2 weeks and bids will be opened March 3, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Shane Matson presented his plan to organize a city/county gravel bike ride on April 9. Councilors and the Mayor were presented with a document that outlined the purpose of the event and potential routes, one being 30 miles and the other being 50 miles. They had secured a funding commitment for the event that should cover most of the costs, keeping registration fees low. He said that these types of events are popular and can bring upwards of 200 riders. If any profit is made it would be donated to the Madison County Health Coalition. The event would begin and end at Polk Square with food and drink vendors to end the evening.

A meeting to discuss possible uses of the ARPA funds was scheduled for Monday, March 7, at 5:00 p.m. Councilors Ford, Dotson, Thomas, Roden, and Evans agreed to serve on the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS
Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT
Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Eoff, adjourning at 6:27 p.m.

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