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, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilor 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 Dotson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion approved 6 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 February 14 as submitted was made by Councilor Dotson and seconded by Councilor Ford; motion passed 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Justin Evans requested a period of three (3) months to completely remove his structure from his property that was condemned. Councilor Roden made the motion to grant him 3 months to clear the land, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion passed 6 to 0.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
- Police Chief Thomas shared that the generator, ordered in December, was installed recently, and working well. Officer Smith is finishing his academy training in April, and new officer, Zach Misenhimer, will begin academy training in May.
- Fire Chief Shinn informed councilors that the Chief Fire and Safety informed him that the chassis order for the brush truck had been cancelled. Shinn contacted Embach with USDA to affirm that if he was to find a chassis, could we pay the difference in price from the original amount that was bid for the grant. Embach confirmed that option was permitted. Shinn found a chassis, and funds had been deposited into the account for the purchase of the chassis. It would be retrieved and taken to Chief, in Oklahoma. He explained the timeline and application process for hiring of two new, full-time firefighters.
- Mayor Trahan stated that Madison County Judge Weaver had contacted him to see if the city was interested in selling our Industrial Park land but added that they may have changed their minds about the location. He asked City Engineer Charlee Presley to address councilors about the approximate cost related to building a road on the land. Presley presented plans and current cost estimates. Mayor Trahan asked Presley to order a survey of the Industrial Park land. Attorney Cain requested that the surveyor make a separate description of inside and outside the city limits for future annexation purposes.
• Finance Director Boyd stated that the check for the purchase of the brush truck chassis had been written out of the Fire Engine Grant Fund, since USDA had deposited partial grant funds for the purchase. She added that when the truck is completed, the $11,000 difference would come out of the equipment line of the department’s budget or Fire Act 833 funds. She said that she was preparing the financial statement to be published in the newspaper, required by law.

• Economic Development Director Brandi Holt added that Congressman Steve Womack had rescheduled his visit to Huntsville the week of April 11, details to follow.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
- Water and Sewer Commission – February 3
- Planning Commission – February 28
- Economic Development Commission – February 22
- Wages & Position Committee – February 7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Mayor Trahan opened the discussion of the sale of the Basham building. He stated that he had spoken with Shane Matson of PbH Basham LLC over the weekend and offered to allow some of the capital they had invested in the building to be part of the price, making their bid $125,600.00. Mr. Rabold had called and increased his offer to $135,000.00. Mr. Byler made a full price offer of $155,600.00. Councilor Dotson asked what Mr. Byler planned to do with the building. Mr. Byler was in attendance, and he shared his plans to move his United Country Real Estate business to the storefront and explained his vision and ideas for the use of the building. Mayor Trahan then shared Mr. Matson’s plans that he had shared with him earlier that day. After further discussion, Councilor Ford made the motion to sell the building to Mr. Byler at $155,600.00 per the details of the bid advertisement, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed 6 to 0. Councilor Roden made an additional motion for the $155,600 price to include the buyer’s half of the survey. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dotson and passed 6 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS
No new business was conducted.

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

ADJOURNMENT
Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Thomas, adjourning at 7:14 p.m.

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