CALL TO ORDER
The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council was called to order at City Hall by President Pro Tempore Scott Thomas at 6:24 P.M., after four public hearings were held beginning at 5:45 P.M.

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLGIANE
Councilor Dotson shared the invocation, and Councilor Meythaler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved 8 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
No special guests were introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
No special business conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Councilor Dotson made a motion to accept the council meeting minutes of May 9 as submitted, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion was approved 8 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Councilor Roden thanked Mr. Weston for sharing his remarks on the zoning and use of the Industrial Park land during the public hearings prior to the meeting. Mr. Weston thanked the council for the positive interactions his family has had with the city and with the community.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
• Police Chief Thomas added that new officer, Misenhimer, is in the academy and was nominated to be class leader. He said that they are interviewing a candidate for the current officer opening. Chief Thomas asked for prayers for the family of Jim Webster, a beloved friend of many city employees and residents.
• Fire Captain Kristyn Clark, attending in place of Chief Shinn, shared that Fire Fest, a public education event, was recently held as a fundraiser to purchase an inflatable fire safety house for educating children in fire safety. The event raised approximately $1500 in donations. Those funds had been combined with fire department budgeted funds to allow a down payment to be made. She was planning to apply for grants and raise more money for the remainder of the purchase. The total expense for the safety house is approximately $6500. She added that the department had performed a live burn training recently.
• Finance Director Boyd shared that she had created a new “department” for the ARPA funds to track those expenditures. She added that the Municipal League had advised that those funds be viewed as “General Fund – unallocated funds” from this point forward. She stated that the street department’s new backhoe had arrived and that it had been purchased in full. The bank interest rates are at 3.5% and asked if the council would still like to finance part of the equipment to free funds to use for other projects. Council members agreed to wait to see what needs may arise in the next few months.
• Economic Development Director Brandi Holt thanked Scott Phillips and his team that came out Saturday to prepare for the Pics in the Park event. She reported that both food truck owners said it went well.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
• Water and Sewer Commission – May 5
• Planning Commission – May 23
• Economic Development Commission – May 17
• Wage & Position/ARPA Committee – April 27

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Council discussed the time frame for the demolition of structures and clearing of lot at the Evans property. Attorney Cain stated he preferred that the structure be razed after Mayor Trahan returns in late June.

NEW BUSINESS
Councilor Thomas presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. Councilor Eoff made a motion to suspend the reading of the ordinance in full and to read the ordinance by title only; motion seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion passed 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Motion was made by Councilor Dotson to place the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Councilor Eoff to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion passed 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Attorney Cain read the ordinance a second time by title only. Motion was made by Councilor Eoff to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion passed 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Attorney Cain read the ordinance a third time by title only. No discussion occurred. Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ford. Motion approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

Attorney Cain stated that he and Mayor Trahan had met with the buyer of the Basham property, Travis Byler, regarding the completed survey. Cain and Trahan agreed, with Council’s permission, to allow Byler a 30’ easement along the eastern side of the pad behind the building to allow access the back of the property, and to allow Byler use of the awning area on the front of the building. The descriptions for these easements were to be added to the survey at Byler’s expense. Councilor Ford made the motion to accept the changes as presented, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion passed 8 to 0.

Councilor Thomas opened the floor for discussion of the minimum price for the sale of the Industrial Park property on Amanda Place. After discussion, Councilor Eoff made the motion to set the minimum price for bids at $175,000, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT
Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Roden, adjourning at 7:10 p.m.

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City Clerk, Joetta Smith       Mayor Darrell Trahan
PUBLIC HEARINGS
June 13, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4)

Four public hearings were held prior to the council meeting of June 13, 2022.

At 5:45 p.m., a hearing was conducted for a lot split for Brad and Victoria Hathorn on Paradise Lane. No comments were made. Hearing was closed.

At 5:47 p.m. a hearing was opened for annexation of industrial park land on Amanda Place. No comments regarding the annexation were made. Hearing was closed.

At 6:00 p.m., a hearing began for the issuance of a water facility bond. No comments were made. Hearing was closed.

At 6:02 p.m., a hearing was opened for rezoning of the City’s Industrial Park land. Amanda Place resident, Mr. Tyrel Weston, read a letter, written by John and Hannah Matlock, also of Amanda Place, that was provided to council members at the meeting. The letter expressed their opposition to zoning change. Mr. Weston also expressed his opposition to the zoning change. Mrs. Brandi Solorzano introduced herself as a representative of Assemblage, a company that produces luxury wallpaper in Witter, Arkansas. She shared that Assemblage is the company that has expressed interest in purchasing the industrial park land. She stated that Assemblage is an internationally known company that strives to operate their manufacturing in a very “green” manner, only operating one small machine. She expressed that they would not produce odor or objectionable noise in their manufacturing and require very little traffic. No further public comments were made. Hearing was closed.