COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 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
Recorder/Treasurer Joetta Smith and Councilors Guy Roden, Scott Thomas, Roger Eoff, Travis Dotson, Leslie Evans, and Kevin Meythaler were present. Councilors Pat Grubbs and Stephen Ford 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 Thomas made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted, seconded by Councilor Roden. 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
Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the council meeting minutes of June 13 as submitted, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion was approved 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Kenadi Thomas requested approval to hold a street dance on September 23 on Polk Square as a benefit for Cowboy for Tyler organization. Approval was granted by Council.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.

• Police Chief Thomas stated Misenhimer will be graduating from the academy in the following week. The department is still reviewing applications to fill the officer vacancy.
• Street Superintendent Scott Phillips noted that they added a load of rubber mulch to the playground. Phillips confirmed that the demolition of the Evans structure went smoothly and was complete.
• Water Director Sean Davis added that they are excited to finally begin the water tank project and that the bid opening on the project is scheduled for the following Tuesday.
• Fire Chief Kevin Shinn said that the new brush truck had arrived. He added that Captain Kristyn Shinn had done more fund raising and was able to complete the purchase of the inflatable fire safety house.
• Mayor Trahan thanked Councilor Thomas for taking his place during his absence in June.
• Finance Director Boyd confirmed that the elected officials had received their copies of the 2020 Legislative Audit reports in the mail. She noted that she had transferred $20,000 to Airport Fund to cover the expenses of the hangar grant project. She was expecting the grant funds to arrive in the next week, and she would return the funds to General Fund. She stated that she had received a request for use of Polk Square on Thursday evening, July 21, that included Farmers’ Market vendors. Councilors approved the event.
• Economic Development Director Brandi Holt added that Pics in the Park for July was successful. She thanked Scott Phillips and his team for their help preparing for the event.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
• Water and Sewer Commission – June 2
• Planning Commission – June 27

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
No unfinished business was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS
Mayor Trahan presented AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Councilor Roden made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading and to read it by title only, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion approved 6 to 0. Attorney Cain read by title. Ordinance was numbered 2022-3. Attorney Cain explained that he had added an emergency clause in the ordinance, but it was unnecessary to perform all three readings that evening. He stated that the subsequent readings could on three different occasions, or if necessary, both could be done at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Trahan stated for the meeting that the city received one bid from Christian and Heidi Batteau, owners of Assemblage, for the Industrial Park land for $175,500.00. Councilor Dotson made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed 6 to 0.

Mayor Trahan announced that the fireworks portion of our code needed some updating. He asked for volunteers for an ad hoc committee and asked Councilor Meythaler to be chairman, to which he agreed. Councilors Evans and Roden volunteered, and Ford had volunteered prior to the meeting.

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 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk, Joetta Smith
Mayor Darrell Trahan