COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 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, and Steve 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 Councilor Ford 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 7 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 July 11 as submitted, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion was approved 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 he had two certified applicants for the open position at the department.
- Water Director Sean Davis added that the commission had met last week and no final decision was made on funding for the water tank project.
- Fire Chief Kevin Shinn said that he had recently learned of some fire code issues that will need to be addressed regarding local apartment housing.
- Mayor Trahan shared that he and Street Superintendent Phillips had met with ARDOT regarding our state aid application, that will be completed next year. He added that the amount had been increased from $250,000 to $300,000. He said that hoped to cover the cost of Cedar Bluff subdivision.
- Finance Director Boyd provided councilors with an update on the expected expenses and grant revenue for the airport hangar project. She expects that the airport fund will be $8450 short at the completion of the build. The state has mailed a reimbursement check for $150,000 of the grant funds, but it has not arrived yet. Councilor Evans made a motion to allow General Fund to loan to the Airport Fund $162,450 as presented, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed 7 to 0. She informed Council that the “unallocated, miscellaneous expense” of $3,872.88 in General Fund was the cost of debris removal from the razing of the Evans property, and that we will do a budget amendment at the end of the year to move that expense. Lastly, she stated that the final payment had been made for the brush truck out of the Fire Truck Grant Fund, creating a $0.00 balance. USDA is allowing us to change the name of the bank account
and use it for our upcoming grant projects. The name of the account is being changed to “USDA Grant Fund.”

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
- Water and Sewer Commission – July 6
- Economic Development Comm. – July 19
- Planning Commission – July 27

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Councilor Ford made a motion to place AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES on its second reading, seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion approved 7 to 0. Cain read the ordinance title.

Councilor Dotson inquired as to the status of the sale of the Basham building. Attorney Cain informed them that he and Ms. Boyd had both tried to contact him. Councilors and Cain discussed the terms of the agreement between the City and Byler. Attorney Cain stated that he believes that we have a binding contract, but both parties could mutually agree to dissolve the agreement if desired.

NEW BUSINESS
Mayor Trahan presented A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND EXPENDING THE $5,000 STIPEND FOR ELIGIBLE FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Mayor Trahan introduced A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AN ASPHALT RECYCLER TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion was approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Trahan introduced A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING A CAMERA SYSTEM FOR CITY OF HUNTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE. Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Dotson. Motion passed 7 to 0.

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 6:49 p.m.

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City Clerk, Joetta Smith                        Mayor Darrell Trahan