COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER
The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council was called to order at City Hall by Councilor Travis Dotson, conducting the meeting in the absence of Mayor Darrell Trahan at 6:03 P.M.

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

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilor Ford shared the invocation, and Councilor Grubbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the council meeting minutes of August 8 and the special meeting of August 10 as submitted, seconded by Councilor Evans. Motion approved 7 to 0.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
No special guests were introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
No special business conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments were made.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets.
- Finance Director Boyd noted that annual audit had begun. She stated that she would begin working on the budget soon and asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. Those volunteers were as follows: Councilors Ford, Evans, Dotson, and Roden. She updated the council that to-date the airport had borrowed $237,450 from General Fund. She stated that the missing grant reimbursement check for the airport had been reissued and had arrived safely. She added that if it pleased the council that we would wait until all expenses for the hangar project were paid, then reimburse General Fund, adding that they may be short around $10,000. All councilors in attendance agreed. Boyd also added that she had provided the council members that had attended the two Wage and Position Committee meetings on August 8 and 10, copies of the minutes from those meetings for review. Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Ford. All were in favor.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS
Mayor Trahan and council members were provided with minutes of the following commission meetings:
- Water and Sewer Commission – August 4
- Planning Commission – August 22
- Economic Development – No Meeting
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Eoff 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 third reading. Motion approved by roll call vote 7 to 0. Attorney Cain read the ordinance by title only. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0. Ordinance was numbered 2022-3.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS. Attorney Cain added that Madison County Judge Frank Weaver held the public hearing earlier that morning. Judge Weaver had signed the decree of annexation. This resolution was to accept the decree and to assign it to a specific ward. Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed unanimously, 7 to 0. Resolution was numbered 8-2022.

Councilor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TAX RATE TO THE COUNTY CLERK. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried 7 to 0, by roll call vote. Resolution was numbered 9-2022.

Councilor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FINE AND PENALTY SECTIONS OF THE HUNTSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY OR FINE PROVISION FOR CODE VIOLATIONS WHERE NONE CURRENTLY EXIST. Councilor Eoff made a motion to place it on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Meythaler. Motion carried 7 to 0. Cain read the ordinance in its entirety.

Lastly, Attorney Cain announced that Mr. Travis Byler has decided to terminate the agreement to purchase the Basham building, and the termination agreement, prepared by Cain, was signed by Mayor Trahan and Mr. Byler. The council members discussed how they wished to handle the sale of the building. Councilors and meeting attendees walked over to the building to discuss the details of the boundaries of the property. The councilors agreed to retain all the land to the north of the gravel road behind the building. They also agreed for the city to retain a permanent easement/right-of-way on the gravel road. A new northern boundary is to be placed a few feet south of the electric utility pole running parallel to the south boundary line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Ford, adjourning at 6:44 p.m.

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