

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council was called to order at City Hall by Mayor Travis Dotson at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Recorder Joetta Smith and Councilors Shawn Ellis, Guy Roden, Roger Eoff, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilor Leslie Evans was absent. Deputy Clerk Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dotson shared the invocation, and Councilor Roden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion approved 5 to 0.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

No special guests were introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson declared council vacancies in Ward 1 and Ward 2. Mayor Dotson stated that Scott Thomas was willing to serve the term as Ward 2 Councilman. Councilor Roden made the motion to approve the appointment of Thomas, seconded by Councilor Ellis. Motion approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Dotson administered the oath of office to Thomas, who then joined meeting as councilor. Mayor Dotson then administered oaths as follows: Jarred Rogers as Economic Development Commissioner, Chris Smallman as Airport Commissioner, Jason Yates as Planning Commissioner, Kenny Malloy as Planning Commissioner, and Jarred Rogers as Water Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eoff made a motion to accept the council meeting minutes of December 12 as submitted, seconded by Roden. Motion approved 6 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were heard.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports were provided to the councilors in their emailed agenda packets. In addition to the submitted monthly reports the following actions were taken:

- Mayor Dotson informed Council that the Madison County had received a grant for a new weather emergency siren and it had been installed at fire station 2, but that the city would need to cover the electrical installation costs. The lowest bid received was approximately \$1750.00 that we would need to appropriate out of unallocated funds. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Ford. Motion passed 6 to 0.
- Finance Director Boyd reported that we will have a 2022 budget amendment at the February meeting. She also had to make a payment on the Basham building that was unexpected due to a delay in closing on the sale of the building.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – December 1
- Economic Development – December 20
- Planning Commission – No December meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Eoff made a motion to place *AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE* on its third reading by title only, motion seconded by Roden. Motion carried 6 to 0. Cain read the ordinance title.

Eoff made a motion to adopt said ordinance, seconded by Ford. Motion approved 6 to 0, by roll call. Ordinance was numbered 2023-1.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced *A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE MEETING RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS*. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution by title only, seconded by Ellis. Motion carried 6 to 0. Resolution numbered 1-2023.

Mayor Dotson introduced *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS (2023)*. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the budget, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried 6 to 0, by roll call. Resolution numbered 2-2023.

Councilor Thomas added that we shall appoint a president pro tempore as set forth by Resolution 1-2023. Roden made a motion to appoint Thomas as such, seconded by Ford. Motion approved 5 to 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced. Howard Cain stated that he had been asked to remain in the position of City Attorney for an interim period until a new attorney is appointed. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the interim appointment, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Dotson administered oath of office to Olen Thompson as Park Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ellis. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

City Recorder Joetta Smith