

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL / QUORUM**

City Clerk Joetta Smith and Councilors Roger Eoff, Scott Thomas, Leslie Evans, Guy Roden, Shawn Ellis, Kevin Meythaler, and Stephen Ford were present. 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 Roden made a motion to accept the agenda as amended by Mayor Dotson to add discussion of the Basham Building and Madison Co. Jail under New Business, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

No special guests were introduced.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Dotson presented the addition of two school resource officers to the Police Department staff. Councilor Ford made a motion to approve the addition of the officers, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion carried: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alan Brown requested that councilors use their microphones.

**CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

- Chief Thomas stated that he plans to use a reserve vehicle and additionally purchase one used vehicle to provide transportation for the SRO officers. He added that he has funds in his budget for the purchase.
- Water Department Superintendent Davis stated that they have been mandated within three years to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility before incurring fines.

**COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED**

- Water and Sewer Commission – June 15
- Planning Commission – May 22
- Wage and Position Committee – June 21

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business conducted.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE HUNTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ellis. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution numbered 13-2023.

Mayor Dotson informed councilors that he had been contacted by a resident interested in purchasing the Basham building. He asked the councilors to entertain the idea of accepting bids for the building, and that the topic could be discussed at a future meeting.

Mayor relayed that Madison County Judge Larry Garrett contacted him regarding the building permit fees for the upcoming construction of the new jail. Garrett wanted the Council to be allowed time to consider a waiver the city's portion of the building permit fee. Garrett plans to attend the August City Council meeting about this request.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Evans. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

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City Clerk Joetta Smith