

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 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 Scott Thomas, Leslie Evans, Guy Roden, Kevin Meythaler, Shawn Ellis, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilor Eoff was absent. Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas shared the invocation, and Councilor Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dotson asked the attendees observe a moment of silence after the Pledge remembering those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Ellis made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

No special guests were introduced.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

No special order of business conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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:

- Mayor Dotson noted that the city will advertise the vacancy in the Ward I/Position II seat of City Council.
- Mayor Dotson discussed the option for the city to purchase land from Charles Cogger at the airport on which to build hangars, adding that the airport fund would repay City General Fund monthly. The proposal was to purchase 2 acres for \$200,000.00, and that Mr. Cogger wanted to donate an additional 2.17 acres to accommodate the building of four (4) hangars in the future, using state grant funds. He also informed Council that Cogger would like to sell to the city, 2.7 acres across from Mitchusson Park, that is currently used for overflow parking. After further discussion, Councilor Ford made a motion to offer \$100,000.00 for 1 acre of the airport land for now, seconded by Roden. Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays, Evans abstained.
- Mayor Dotson asked for a committee to review options to explore ways to promote growth regarding building permits fees. Councilor Roden made a motion to form a committee, seconded by Evans. Motion approved unanimously. Councilors Meythaler, Evans, and Eoff were appointed to the committee.
- Boyd added that we would be holding a combined meeting of the Wage & Position and budget committees. Budget committee appointed will be Roden, Ford, Evans, and Ellis.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – August 17
- Economic Development – August 23
- Planning Commission – August 28

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE ADDING TWO ZONING DISTRICTS TO THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved 6 to 0. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance title.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TAX RATE TO THE COUNTY CLERK. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Roden. Motion approved 6 to 0. Resolution numbered 14-2023.

Mayor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Councilor Ford made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ellis. Motion carried 6 to 0. Resolution numbered 15-2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ellis. Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith