

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 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, Kevin Meythaler, Shawn Ellis, and Stephen Ford were present. 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

Mayor Dotson asked Council to consider an amendment to the agenda to add b.) Industrial Park, under New Business. Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Ford. Motion approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Dotson introduced Dennis Counts and Lisa Cram, of the Madison County Farmers' Market.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

No special order of business was conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 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:

- Street Superintendent Phillips announced that bids had been opened for the street repairs project. Pavecon was awarded the project and will do repairs to Edith, Lakeview, and Pump Station Rd.
- Mayor Dotson announced that Huntsville is one of two cities selected to receive a grant from NWA Economic Development Association for a new strategic plan for the city. Meetings will begin in December.
- Mayor Dotson announced that he had received a letter from Crystal Lacey, a resident of Ward 1 expressing interest in serving in the vacant councilor position.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – October 19
- Economic Development – No October meeting
- Planning Commission – October 23

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved unanimously. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance title.

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE ADDING AIRPORT DISTRICT 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 carried unanimously. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance title.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE ANIMALS AND FOWL CODES OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved unanimously. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Roden. Motion approved unanimously. Fritts read the ordinance title. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading by title only seconded by Ellis. Motion approved unanimously. Fritts read the ordinance title. Mayor Dotson opened the floor for discussion. Councilors discussed some wording changes. After discussion, Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend Section 5 (e), seconded by Eoff to read, "An impounded animal shall be held for a period of fifteen (15) business days, at the end of which time the animal becomes the property of the city and may be transferred or humanely euthanized in cases of aggression, untreatable/unmanageable illness or injury, unmanageable behavior issues resulting in the animal being unadoptable." Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Councilor Eoff, seconded by Meythaler to amend Section 5 (b) to add, "and becomes property of the City of Huntsville after fifteen (15) days." Motion approved unanimously. Motion to adopt the ordinance as amended was made by Councilor Eoff, seconded by Thomas. Roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Councilor Eoff made the motion to approve the emergency clause, seconded by Eoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dotson stated that he had received the appraisal for the industrial park land on Amanda Place. The property sales comparison appraisal valued the land at \$424,260.00. Councilor Ford made a motion to permit the land to be advertised for sale, seconded by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roden. Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith