

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2024

### 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 Chrystal Lacey, Leslie Evans, Scott Thomas, Guy Roden, Roger Eoff, Stephen Ford, and Kevin Meythaler were present. Councilor Ellis was absent. Boyd called roll and declared a quorum.

### INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas shared the invocation, and Councilor Meythaler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Evans. Motion approved.

### INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

None.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Boyd said that the May 13 minutes presented in the meeting had been amended to reflect Councilor Thomas as present. She added that the minutes of April 8 also needed the same amendment. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve both meeting's minutes as amended, seconded by Ford. Motion approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports were provided to councilors in their emailed agenda packets. These actions were taken, or information was presented during the reporting period:

- Public Works Director Phillips announced that Brian Robinson had been promoted to Equipment/Facility Manager and Daniel Bennett had been promoted to Street Superintendent. Mayor Dotson added that the department had been renamed to Public Works.
- Mayor Dotson announced that during the May 15 Wage and Position Committee recommended to accept Anstaff's offer on a line of credit when needed, and to give the mayor the authority to move to Arvest if more advantageous for the City. The committee reviewed the offers on the Industrial Park land and recommended that the land be rezoned to a less populated Residential Estates (R-E) zone because of the single ingress/egress to the property. He asked Councilors to consider a minimum price to set for the sale of the land by next month's meeting. Splashpad bids were opened and are being reviewed.
- Mayor Dotson announced he had received additional bids for the installation portion of the security system. After discussion, Councilor Eoff made a motion to purchase the system for a one-year term at this time, seconded by Ford. Motion carried 7 to 0.
- Mayor Dotson described the discount plan that the Wage and Position Committee had explored to encourage housing development in the city. The plan presented is as follows within an eighteen-month period: Permits 2-4 will receive a 25% discount, 5-9 at 50% discount, 10-20 will pay a \$125 flat permit fee, and 21 & over a \$50 flat permit fee. Mayor read the rules that will apply for the builders to receive this

discount. Attorney Fritts added that we will need to pass a resolution to offer this temporary pricing. Councilor Roden made a motion to accept the plan and move forward with preparing a resolution for next month, seconded by Lacey. Motion carried.

#### COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – May 15
- Economic Development – May 21
- Planning Commission – May 27

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson stated that the Wage and Position recommendations had been covered during his report.

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE HUNTSVILLE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, amending C1 and C2 specifications. Councilor Roden made a motion to place the ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Ford. Motion carried 6 to 0. Fritts read the ordinance title.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE HUNTSVILLE ZONING CODE. Councilor Eoff made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Evans. Motion carried. Fritts read the ordinance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules for reading an ordinance on three (3) separate occasions and to place the ordinance on its second reading by title only. Motion seconded by Roden. Motion carried. Fritts read the ordinance title. Councilor Thomas made a motion to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading by title only, seconded by Ford. Motion carried. Fritts read the title. Mayor opened the floor for discussion. After no discussion, Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ford. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance under the emergency clause, seconded by Eoff. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance was numbered 2024-4.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roden. Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

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City Clerk Joetta Smith