

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 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, Shawn Ellis, and Stephen Ford were present. Councilors Roger Eoff and Kevin Meythaler were absent. 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

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

None.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8 as disseminated, 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:

- Finance Director Boyd stated that she would be depositing the park concession stand starting funds back into the park account, since the city was not running the concession stand this year. She also asked Council to approve an increase in the amount of petty cash kept in the Clerk's Office from \$25 to \$100. Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the increase, seconded by Ford. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mayor Dotson read a proclamation stating that the City of Huntsville proclaims May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – April 18 & April 22
- Planning Commission – April 22
- Economic Development – No April Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson asked the councilors that serve on the Wage & Position Committee to work on the line of credit proposals and offers on the Industrial Park land. He added that he also wanted the committee to explore discounts on future building permits. Dotson scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, May 15.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to place AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY PERMITTING CITY EMPLOYEES TO DO LIMITED BUSINESS WITH THE CITY on its third reading by title only; motion seconded by Ellis. Motion carried 6 to 0. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance title. Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ford. Motion carried 6 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson asked Council to confirm the reappointment of Matt Gillham as the city's representative to the Madison County Equalization Board. Gillham agreed to the reappointment. Councilor Roden made the motion to confirm the reappointment, seconded by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dotson discussed that he had received a proposal for a security system at City Hall. He confirmed with Council to solicit more bids, to which Council agreed.

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 Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Roden. Motion carried unanimously. Attorney Fritts read the ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roden. Meeting adjourned 6:57 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith