

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 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, as well as Councilors Roger Eoff, Chrystal Lacey, 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 Eoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

None.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8 as presented, seconded by Ellis. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Casey Kleinhenz, Community Developer at Community Development Northwest Arkansas, addressed the Council expressing his interest in purchasing the city's Industrial Park land, and that he had submitted an offer for the land. Mayor Dotson noted that offers would be addressed at the April City Council meeting.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports were provided to councilors in their emailed agenda packets. The following actions were taken during the reports:

- Mayor Dotson announced the appointment of the Wage and Position Committee for the year to include the following: Councilors Roden, Evans, Thomas, and Lacey.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – January 18
- Economic Development – January 23 (No Quorum)
- Planning Commission – January 22

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING CITY WARDS. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its third reading by title only, seconded by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. Fritts read the title. Mayor Dotson opened the floor for discussion of the ordinance. No discussion took place. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ellis. Roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Ordinance numbered 2024-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson orally presented the annual State of the City report.

Mayor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE HUNTSVILLE SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND VISION ZERO POLICY. Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution numbered 3-2024.

Mayor Dotson presented A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE TO APPLY FOR AN ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACEMENT LIGHTING FOR THE HUNTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Councilor Evans made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ford. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution numbered 4-2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ellis. Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith