

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 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

Councilors Stephen Ford, Leslie Evans, Chrystal Lacey, Leslie Evans, Roger Eoff, Scott Thomas and Bettina Coger were present. Councilor Guy Roden was absent and Counciler Kevin Meythaler arrived late. Watkins called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas shared the Invocation and Councilor Coger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff made a motion to change Resolution 18 to 21 and to add to unfinished business the industrial park land to the agenda and was seconded by Coger. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11th, seconded by Coger. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie Collins made a comment about her concern about the City's Animal Control.

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:

- Street Department superintendent Brian Robinson stated they have been busy servicing vehicles, burning brush, worked on the ditches at the Enclave because of the floods, picked up snow plow blades getting ready for the winter season and also got the sled ready and worked on more lights for the Christmas parade.
- Water Director Sean Davis reported that ADEQ had issued in July of 23 a new permit for our wastewater and gave us to July of 26 to make any necessary changes. The design of the project estimate cost was 34 million dollars, and we started raising water rates to help cover the cost. In October of this year Butterball attended the water commission meeting and announced they are going to separate from the sewer and build their own plant. If they do build their own plant that could potentially put the project on hold.
- Chief Kevin Shinn stated that he would like to possibly create a position for an overnight person that would work from midnight to 8 in the morning, and he would like them to be able to stay at the station overnight. He also stated that we get Act 833 money, and we must respond within a five-mile radius of the city. He also told the council they might think about increasing the fires dues.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Economic Development –November 19
- Water and Sewer Commission – November 21
- Planning Commission – November 25
- Airport Commission – November 19
- Wage & Salary November 11

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson presented an update on the Industrial Park land. He stated that he had got an email from a commercial developer out of Dallas looking for land in the Huntsville area. The email came in at 5:51 pm on December 4th and the developer asked if the City would give him to December 20th to look at the land and put a bid in. Mayor told the council if was up to them to decide to wait till the 20th or go with the highest bid which is Bule Ribbon Properties at \$290,000.00. Councilor Eoff made a motion to accept the bid from Bule-Ribbon Properties and to add an Ernest payment of 5,000, seconded by Councilor Coger. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget. Motion made by Councilor Ford to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion passed. Resolution 2024-19.

Mayor Dotson presented a RESOLUTION TO Adopt the 2025 Budget. Motion made by Councilor Eoff to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Evans. Motion passed. Resolution 2024-20.

Mayor Dotson introduced A RESOLUTION TO SET UP DIRECT DEPOSIT. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution , seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion passed. Resolution 2024-21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Scott. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith