

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Thomas 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, Guy Roden and Bettina Coger were present. Watkins called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Evans. 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 February 10th, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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:

- Captain Herring reported that the new officer Emmanuel Manjarrez will be starting the academy in April. The police department has also been investigating some arson cases.
- Lieutenant DeLaurie reported that for the month of February they have been focusing on training firefighter safety, survival, and rapid intervention teams. We've been training our team members on how to rescue downed firefighters. They currently have 22 firefighters on their roster.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Thomas reported that the splash pad is on track and should be finished by mid to late May. He also reported that City Wide Clean Up will be April 5th from 9 till noon and lunch will be provided at noon.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Economic Development –Feb 18th
- Water and Sewer Commission – Feb 20th
- Catastrophic Leave Committee-Feb 11th
- Planning Commission-Feb 24th
- Parks Commission-Feb 28th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore introduced an Ordinance Establishing an Electronic Payment System for Other Purposes. Councilor Roden made a motion to place the Ordinance on its 3rd reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried.

Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt 2025-1 Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Coger. Motion carried. Ordinance 2025-1.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the Mayor to proceed to form an Ad-Hoc Committee for having alcohol at the Basham building. Seconded by Councilor Evans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Evans. Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith