

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2025

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, Chrystal Lacey, Roger Eoff, 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 Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Dotson introduced Dakota Main and Travis Gates with Boxd that will be giving us a bid on software that will help with permits, code enforcement and animal control.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10th^h, seconded by Councilor Eoff. 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:

- Chief Thomas stated that they have a new hire and will let council know more about him next month. He also stated that the previous new hire will start academy this month.
- Director Davis with the water department introduced guests from McClelland Consulting Engineers. They gave a presentation on the Wastewater Project Upgrade that will be starting this year and be completed by 2026.
- Mayor Dotson gave a brief update on his trip to Washington DC and said that any money that we are supposed to be receiving will be put on hold till October. He also stated that he will be meeting with the school soon to go over a new contract with them for the School Resource Officer's. He gave an update on the splash pad and said that it is still on track to open close to the end of May and that there will be portable bathrooms at first till we can get bathrooms built.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission-March 20th
- Planning Commission-March 24th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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