

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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, Leslie Evans, Chrystal Lacey, Roger Eoff, Scott Thomas, 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 Carol Chavez with the Myositis Association.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson declared May as Myositis Awareness Month in honor of Sharon Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14th, 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 introduced the new police officer William Samuels.
- Finance Director Watkins reported that the City had sent out bids for a CD renewal and that CS bank came back with the best interest rate of 3.92 percent for 24 months. The total of the CD was \$626,392.25 and we added \$123,607.75 from some money that was left over after we paid the bonds off last June for a total of \$750,000.00
- Finance Director Watkins also asked the Council if they would let it be recorded in the minutes who the signers were on the bank accounts. Councilor Roden made a motion to add them to minutes, seconded by Councilor Ford. The signers: Travis Dotson, Carmen Watkins, Leslie Evans, Janice Smith and Rebecca Nelle.
- Mayor Dotson reported that the splash pad might not be ready by Memorial Day but possibly not long after it. He reported that Lew Thompson has donated 1.25 acres behind the Elizabeth Richardson Center that we could possibly make into a parking lot. He also reported that we received \$1,355,600.00 Grant

money for the water tank. He also announced the retirement of Chief Thomas and his retirement party is May 30th at 5:30 at the Basham Building.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Economic Development Meeting-April 15th
- Huntsville Water Meeting-March 17th
- Airport Commission Meeting-April 28th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced A Resolution to Approve the Acceptance of Certain Real Estate and Approval of Donation Agreement of Real Property. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. 6-2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Lacey. Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith