

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 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, Brad Willis, 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 Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Chief Herring introduced Jason Pierce, the new officer who will also serve as our animal control officer. Mayor Dotson also introduced Greg Wheeler the Department of Emergency Mgt Coordinator for the County.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14th, seconded by Councilor Evans. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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:

- Police Chief Joshua Herring stated that citations and warnings were up some because of it being summer and people on vacation and traveling more.
- Public works director Brian Robinson stated that the new parking lot for the splash pad was finished.
- Fire Chief Kevin Shinn stated that he met with the ISO representative, and as result of the meeting he will need to reconfigure how he classifies certain calls and do a better job delegating the specific types of training his personnel receives annually. He stated that the department needed the training center and a ladder truck in place by our next evaluation with the training center being our first priority. Also, the department needs to recruit more personnel to serve on the department and require the amount of training to safely operate on the fireground and to meet ISO standards.