

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 8, 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, Scott Thomas, Guy Roden and Bettina Coger were present. Councilor Roger Eoff was absent. 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

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Dotson introduced Chirs Smallman, a resident of Huntsville, and the police department's new officer Ryan Ray.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Ford. 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:

- It was announced that Tyle Rudolph with the water department has passed his level 3 water license.
- Mayor Dotson announced that we have received a grant from the Arvest Foundation for \$25,000.00 for improvements to the Basham Building.
- Mayor Dotson announced that the City has partnered with the Best Friends Animal Society as another option to take our animals.
- Mayor Dotson announced that the hangers at the airport are done.
- Mayor Dotson read an Intra Agency Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the County of Madison, Arkansas. The city and the county have reached an understanding concerning recent changes made from Act 371 of 2025. Mayor stated that there will be an Ordinance at the next council meeting to make the agreement official.

## COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Water and Sewer Commission – Aug 21st
- Planning Commission-Aug 25th

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced an Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the Vehicle & Traffic Codes of the City of Huntsville, Arkansas. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the Ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Lacey. Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules of reading the Ordinance on three different occasions and proceed with the second reading by title only, Seconded by Councilor Roden. Attorney Fritts read the title. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Ford. Attorney Fritts read the title. Mayor Dotson opened the floor for discussion. After no discussion, Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Ford. Councilor Thomas made a motion to Accept the Emergency Clause, seconded by Councilor Roden. Ord. 2025-7

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Ford. Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

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Mayor Travis Dotson

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City Clerk Janice Smith