

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 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. Councilor Brad Willis was absent. Watkins called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Coger made a motion to table item number 13-C on the agenda, regarding the approving on the intra -agency agreement between the City of Huntsville and County of Madison. Seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2025, 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:

- Chief Herring reported that in October, Animal Control picked up five dogs—three were returned to their owners and two remain at the shelter. He also discussed the Police Department’s participation in the state-reimbursed STEP program, which provides overtime for officers conducting focused traffic enforcement. The October 19–25 focus was distracted driving, resulting in 177 stops, 36 citations, and 5 arrests.
- The Public Works Director, Brian Robinson, reported ongoing work on the College Park bathrooms and installation of Christmas lights.
- Water Director Sean Davis gave a brief slideshow of all the projects that are going on at the Water Department and upgrades for 2026.
- Fire Chief Kevin Shinn reported that some of his crew members recently completed a heavy rescue training course in Ohio that focused on lifting and stabilizing heavy vehicles and

construction incidents. He announced the 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Fundraiser at Station 2 on November 22nd at 11:00 am

- Mayor Dotson thanked Representative James Eaton for donating a Lincoln MKS that will be used at the Airport.
- Mayor Dotson reported that for December's meeting we will discuss the 2024 Legislative Audit and also the budget.
- Mayor Dotson reported that we are working on a credit app with Governmental Capital to borrow money for the training center.
- Mayor Dotson stated that the Bond closing for the water department will be November 25th.
- Mayor Dotson reported that the bank committee has given a directive to proceed with exploring the cost associated with the demolition and purchase of the bank building and present those findings to the city council for consideration of the purchase. He stated that before we look at purchasing the building, that someone has contacted him this week about the city buying 19.50 acres from Dotson to Gaskill to Lee St.. He stated that he is formally asking this committee to meet again to see if it would be in the best interest of the city to buy the bank building or the land on Dotson.
- Mayor Dotson wanted to thank the Budget Committee and stated that they have done a fantastic job on the budget. He gave a brief overview of each department's budget and if they had an increase or decrease in next year's budget. He said in all with the numbers right now the City is looking at saving \$341,000.00 in the 2026 budget.
- Mayor Dotson stated that we should be receiving soon \$343,000.00 for the hanger project at the Airport and another \$42,000.00 for the bathrooms at College Street Park.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

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| • Infrastructure Committee-Oct 14th | Airport Comm.-Oct 22nd |
| • Water & Sewer Comm.-Oct 16th | Bank Building Committee-Oct 22nd |
| • Economic Development Comm-Oct 21st | Wage & Position-Oct 29th |
| • Wage & Position Committee-Oct 21st | |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced an Ordinance to Rezone Certain Lands from General to Industrial (I2) to Dual Use Zone (DUZ), Exhibit "A". Councilor Eoff made a motion to put it on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Eoff. 2025-

Mayor Dotson introduced an Ordinance to Confirm Ward-Based Voting in the City of Huntsville and Declaring an Emergency. Councilor Thomas made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading in full, seconded by Councilor Ford. Attorney Fritts read the

ordinance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules of reading the ordinance on three separate occasions and proceed with the second reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Ford. Attorney Fritts read the title. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules of reading the ordinance on three separate occasions and proceed with the third reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Roden. Attorney Fritts read the title. Mayor Dotson opened the floor for further discussion. After no discussion, Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Lacey. Councilor Thomas made a motion to Accept the Emergency Clause, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion carried. Ord. 2025-10

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Regarding the Acceptance of a Certain Donation. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. Res.16-2025

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Adopting an Artificial Intelligence Policy for the City of Huntsville in Compliance with Act 848 of 2025; and for other purposes. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas. Motion carried. Res. 17-2025.

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 7:20.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith