

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 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, 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 Roden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Dotson introduced and sworn in the City of Huntsville Youth Council.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025 , seconded by Councilor Roden. 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 November, the step program concentrated on No Seatbelt. He stated that 84 stops were made with 111 warnings and 11 citations.
- Attorney Jessica Fritts stated that she would like to thank the Huntsville Police Department and also the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the dispatchers for their quick response to the recent break-in that had happened at her office.
- Mayor Dotson addressed the upcoming Christmas holiday schedule, noting that the County will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26. He reported that, based on feedback from the Mayor's listserv, approximately 60 percent of cities plan to close all three days, while 40 percent will remain open on the Friday following Christmas. Councilor Eoff made a motion to close all three days, seconded by Councilor Lacey. Motion approved.
- Mayor Dotson presented a letter that he is sending to the State requesting State Aid for improvements to 4.03 total miles of certain streets that are in poor condition.

- Economic Development Director Brandi Holt wanted to give a thank you to the Arvest Foundation for the 25,000 grant that we received for the Basham Building where we installed an AV system that can be utilized when renting the building for meetings and such.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Economic Development Comm-Nov. 18th
- Water & Sewer Comm.-Nov. 20th
- Planning Commission-Nov. 24th
- 19+ acres off Dotson St. Comm-Nov. 20th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced an Ordinance to Rezone Certain Lands from General Industrial (I2) to Dual Use Zone (DUZ). Councilor Eoff made a motion to place the ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson gave a review of the 2024 Legislative Audit with no findings.

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Amending the 2025 Adopted Budget for the City of Huntsville. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion carried. 18-2025.

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Providing the Adoption of the Budget for the City of Huntsville, AR for the 12 months beginning January 1 and Ending December 31, 2026, Appropriating Money for Each item and Expenditure Therein Provided For, and for Other Purposes. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. Res. 19-2025.

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Regarding the Purchase Agreement of Certain Real Estate. After much discussion, Councilor Eoff made a motion to purchase the 18.86 acres off Dotson Street, seconded by Councilor Ford. All in favor. 20-2025

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 7:10.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith