

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS AT 6PM.

The Council met in a special session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: J. Turner, Mac Woodward, Jack Wagamon, Lanny Ray, Dalene Zender, Melissa Templeton, Wayne Barrett, Tom Cole

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Forbus

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bill Baine, City Manager; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney, Lee Woodward, City Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE to U.S. and TEXAS FLAGS, INVOCATION

Councilmember Barrett gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Lindeman thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service, and presented a list of significant Council achievements, working with the City Manager and City staff, in their tenure (below).

CITY COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Stopped Raising Property Taxes and Utility Rates.
 - Lowered Property Tax Rates the Last Four Years.
 - Lowered the City Water and Sewer Rates.
- Balanced the Budget - Stopped Deficit Spending.
- Cut the Cost of City Government.
 - Cut back or eliminated questionable projects.
 - Cut Administrative and Overhead Costs of the City.
- Paid Off Some of the City's Debt.
 - No New Debt Unless Specifically Approved by the Voters.
- Made Essential Services the First Priority of the City.
 - More Patrolmen and Fully Equipped Patrol Cars on the Streets.
 - Hired and Equipped More Professionally Trained Firemen.
 - Built and Equipped a New Fire Station - No Tax Increase.
 - Expanded the City Library - No Tax Increase.
 - Improved Streets and Roads.
 - Put Streetlights in Elkins Lake.
 - Upgraded Existing Water and Sewer Facilities.
 - Improved Water Quality.
 - Built Sidewalks Near Schools and Needed Areas - More Coming.
 - Improved City Parks - Kate Barr Ross and Eastham Thomason.
 - Successful Solid Waste Recycling Pilot Program.
- Developed a Sound Approach to Economic Development.
 - Stopped a Proposed Power Grab over Private Property.
 - A More User-Friendly Development Code is in work.
 - Selective Tax Breaks for New or Expanded Industry.
 - No Tax Breaks for Outside Competing Retail.
 - Reduced Risk of Loss from Ravenwood Village by \$6.0 Million.
 - Retained \$10 Million for Ravenwood Village Commercial Area.
 - Eliminated the Ineffective Part of the TIRZ.
- Provided More Open City Government.
 - Televised and Video-Archived City Council meetings.
 - Easier Access to Public Information - Improved City Web Site.
 - City Charter Changes Give Power Back to the People.
- Stopped the misuse of City HOT Tax Funds.
 - Brought Control of these Funds back inside the City.
 - Initiated Action to Recover Misspent Funds.
- Put the City, County and State on Track to fix Highway 19.
- Put Town Creek on a Path for Major Upgrade.

Glen Carter thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their time, dedication, courage, and honesty.

William Elmer said he had come to love the outgoing Councilmembers. He said the voters had spoken, that they wanted change, but change from what, he wondered. He said he thought the public wanted "unity in the community" and questioned what the compromise of the voters would bring the City.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10

Delora King thanked all the Councilmembers, saying she thought they had done a magnificent job, and that this was the best Council the City had ever had or was ever likely to.

Karl Davidson said he didn't know how to express his appreciation adequately, but that he liked Councilmember Ray's statement about doing the "hard right rather than the easy wrong." Mr. Davidson said he could count a minimum of thirty-three things for the community. He said that eleven years ago, he and others had seen nine [Councilmembers] vote in lock step and rarely ask questions, and take orders from others. He said the legacy of the outgoing Councilmembers would be one of achievement, and that he hoped the incoming Councilmembers would have the courage and skills to continue.

George Russell said he had waited for decades for four At-Large Councilmembers who believed in "liberty, and justice for all." He said he wanted it on the record that the "harassment of George Russell" would begin again, although he said he hoped that would not be the case. Mr. Russell went on to donate a couple of his educational DVDs on abstinence to the library, as he said that he and Councilmember Ray had been portrayed as "child-killers" in this election. He said that neither of them had ever promoted abortion, and that, to him, in America, votes cast based on lies and deceit were not valid votes.

ELECTION MATTERS

- a. **Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve Ordinance # 2011-05, canvassing the returns of the Regular Municipal Election held on the 2nd day of November 2010, for the purpose of electing four At-Large Councilmembers. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]**

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 1

JAMES FITCH 2922
 DALENE ZENDER 2299

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 3

CHARLES FORBUS 1765
 DON JOHNSON 3388

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 2

MELISSA TEMPLETON 1897
 LYDIA J. MONTGOMERY 3388

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 4

LANNY RAY 1981
 KEITH D. OLSON 3176

Returns for the City of Huntsville Regular Municipal Election held Tuesday, November 2, 2010, for the purpose of electing the four At-Large Councilmembers – Positions One, Two, Three, and Four:

Early Voting by Precinct

Candidate & Position	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
James Fitch, Position 1	58	397	303	514	98	161	183	1714
Dalene Zender, Position 1	78	260	178	342	71	177	121	1227
Precinct 1 totals	136	657	481	856	169	338	304	2941
Melissa Templeton, Position 2	48	230	156	288	57	131	114	1024
Lydia Montgomery, Position 2	98	436	317	588	117	218	184	1958
Precinct 2 totals	146	666	473	876	174	349	298	2982
Charles Forbus, Position 3	42	215	141	279	64	119	95	955
Don Johnson, Position 3	94	431	326	584	103	213	199	1950
Precinct 3 totals	136	646	467	863	167	332	294	2905
Lanny Ray, Position 4	58	226	158	341	74	140	95	1092
Keith D. Olson, Position 4	80	419	309	517	94	192	202	1813
Precinct 4 totals	138	645	467	858	168	332	297	2905

Early Voting & Election Day Returns

Candidate & Position	Early	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
James Fitch, Position 1	1714	66	189	217	336	84	126	190	2922
Dalene Zender, Position 1	1227	48	162	163	309	73	163	154	2299
Precinct 1 totals	2941	114	351	380	645	157	289	344	5221
Melissa Templeton, Position 2	1024	37	135	157	241	55	107	141	1897
Lydia Montgomery, Position 2	1958	75	218	224	419	112	187	195	3388
Precinct 2 totals	2982	112	353	381	660	167	294	336	5285
Charles Forbus, Position 3	955	37	123	137	223	55	99	136	1765
Don Johnson, Position 3	1950	70	215	242	432	102	184	193	3388
Precinct 3 totals	2905	107	338	379	655	157	283	329	5153
Lanny Ray, Position 4	1092	33	119	146	281	62	110	138	1981
Keith D. Olson, Position 4	1813	77	226	227	372	94	170	197	3176
Precinct 4 totals	2905	110	345	373	653	156	280	335	5157

Voters Voted

Precinct	Registered Voters	Total	Percentage
101	1014	326	32.15
102	3176	1173	36.93
201	2906	1017	35.00
205	2306	1673	72.55
206	719	397	55.22
301	2236	767	34.30
401	2728	783	28.70

Total	15085	6136	40.68
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Mayor Turner made a motion to approve the canvass ordinance. Councilmember Ray seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0 (Councilmember Forbus absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Elmer said the Council now had the opportunity to be gracious and to be mentors to the incoming Councilmembers, and that there needed an expression of the mentality that involved saving taxpayers dollars.

Richard Watkins thanked the outgoing Councilmembers, who, he said, had shown professional courage and courage under great odds at great personal sacrifice. He said it was unfortunate that more citizens did not avail themselves of truth, and recognize the contributions that occur "when courageous people do the right thing." He thanked the Council, and said he hoped the incoming Councilmembers would be as transparent as they had been.

Charles Wagamon said public service was not an easy thing, and that the real test of the outgoing Councilmembers' legacy would be having peace when they woke at night and asked themselves if they had made the right decisions. He assured them that they would be at peace.

John Strickland said he was there simply to show the Council one of the highest degrees of respect that can be received, and saluted them.

MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no media inquiries.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

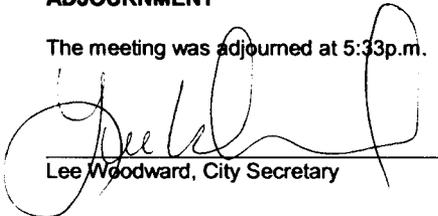
Councilmember Templeton said she appreciated everyone coming to support the Council, and how proud she had been to serve the community. She thanked the citizens for electing her four and a half years ago, and appreciated their trust and confidence. She said she felt she had served them faithfully and honorably. Councilmember Templeton said she had learned a lot, and was open to helping and mentoring the incoming Councilmembers. She said she had been honest and ethical, and that, as it said on her mother's tombstone, "it is well with my soul."

Councilmember Zender thanked the public for her four and a half year term, describing it as "an absolute pleasure" to have been a servant to the citizens of Huntsville. She said she had learned a lot about compromise, and about doing the right thing every time for the right reasons. Councilmember Zender said it had been an honor, that the Council had done great things, and how much she appreciated the other Councilmembers for their advice, mentoring, debate, and respect given her. She thanked the City Manager for his bluntness and honesty, and said the City staff and employees were great. She said she would certainly be willing to work with the incoming Councilmembers as well.

Councilmember Ray thanked those who had come out, and assured Judge Wagamon that he was already at peace with his decisions. Councilmember Ray said that he had done everything he said he was going to do when he first ran, and then some. He said the Council took the "hard rights over the easy wrongs," and what was best for the citizens, and that he believed Huntsville was a better place for the actions of all of the Council. He said the election was over, but now was the time to set aside hurt feelings and seek education and common ground for a shared goal of making Huntsville a better place to live.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary



MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS AT 6:00PM.

The Council met in a workshop and regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: J. Turner, Mac Woodward, Jack Wagamon, James Fitch, Lydia Montgomery, Keith D. Olson, Tom Cole, Don H. Johnson, Wayne Barrett

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bill Baine, City Manager; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

A PUBLIC RECEPTION TO THANK OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE MAYOR FOR THEIR SERVICE WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS MEETING.

REGULAR SESSION [6:00PM]

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

U.S. Flag

Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor presented his wife, Mrs. Pamela Turner, with a Proclamation of the Day in her honor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cristan Shamburger read the SHSU Student Government Association Senate Resolution F11-02, titled "The Dr. Cole Appreciation Act," commending Councilmember Cole for his support of "fiscal responsibility, small government, and student rights" and making him an Honorary Bearkat.

5. ELECTION MATTERS

- a. **Possible action to approve Ordinance 2012-04, canvassing the returns of the Regular Municipal Election held on the 8th day of November 2011, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and four Ward Councilmember positions; and calling a Special Election for the purpose of a proposition for the exchange of parkland and a proposition for the City Council to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Trinity River Authority for water treatment plant improvements, roll-call vote. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]**

MAYOR

GEORGE H. RUSSELL	199
MAC WOODWARD	2220
KARL DAVIDSON	539

COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 1

JOE EMMETT	320
TOM COLE	267

COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 2

KATIE NEWMAN	144
TISH HUMPHREY	478

COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 3

RONALD ALLEN	207
JOHN CROMER	124

COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 4

CLYDE LOLL	778
SANDRA HANSCOM	566

ON PROPOSITION 1

Shall the City Council of the City of Huntsville be authorized to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Trinity River Authority for water treatment plant improvements?

FOR	2012
AGAINST	831

ON PROPOSITION 2

The exchange of 0.122 acre of Eastham-Thomason Park Property from the City of Huntsville, Texas, to Maria Del Carmen Martinez for 0.037 acre to resolve encroachment and amend boundaries of Park.

FOR	2340
AGAINST	454

Returns for the City of Huntsville Regular Municipal Election held Tuesday, November 8, 2011, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and four Ward Councilmember positions; and calling a Special Election for the purpose of a proposition for the exchange of parkland and a proposition for the City Council to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Trinity River Authority for water treatment plant improvements:

Early Voting by Precinct

Candidates & Propositions	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
George H. Russell, Mayor	3	23	16	11	2	6	14	75
Mac Woodward, Mayor	15	257	134	327	58	68	62	921
Karl Davidson, Mayor	4	47	35	68	11	30	17	212
Mayor precinct totals	22	327	185	406	71	104	93	1208
Joe Emmett, Ward 1		171						171
Tom Cole, Ward 1		151						151
Ward 1 precinct totals		322						322
Katie Newman, Ward 2			57		19			76
Tish Humphrey, Ward 2			119		52			171
Ward 2 precinct totals			176		71			247
Ronald Allen, Ward 3	9					60		69
John Cromer, Ward 3	9					38		47
Ward 3 precinct totals	18					98		116
Clyde Loll, Ward 4				257			46	303
Sandra Hanscom, Ward 4				149			42	191
Ward 4 precinct totals				406			88	494
Proposition 1 – for	15	221	129	293	47	56	53	814
Proposition 1 - against	6	94	52	95	24	48	35	354
Prop. 1 precinct totals	21	315	181	388	71	104	88	1168
Proposition 2 – for	14	263	151	338	60	80	64	970
Proposition 2 – against	7	45	27	47	10	23	21	180
Prop. 2 precinct totals	21	308	178	385	70	103	85	1150

Early Voting & Election Day Returns

Candidates & Propositions	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
George H. Russell, Mayor	9	47	33	46	10	23	31	199
Mac Woodward, Mayor	72	459	370	856	140	160	163	2220
Karl Davidson, Mayor	17	92	70	203	28	71	58	539
Mayor precinct totals	98	598	473	1105	178	254	252	2958
Joe Emmett, Ward 1		320						320
Tom Cole, Ward 1		267						267
Ward 1 precinct totals		587						587
Katie Newman, Ward 2			107		37			144
Tish Humphrey, Ward 2			348		140			488
Ward 2 precinct totals			455		177			632
Ronald Allen, Ward 3	51					156		207
John Cromer, Ward 3	36					88		124
Ward 3 precinct totals	87					244		331
Clyde Loll, Ward 4				666			112	778
Sandra Hanscom, Ward 4				439			127	566
Ward 4 precinct totals				1105			239	1344
Proposition 1 – for	68	411	342	776	126	144	145	2012
Proposition 1 - against	26	162	108	284	48	107	96	831
Prop. 1 precinct totals	94	573	450	1060	174	251	241	2843
Proposition 2 – for	63	476	379	899	149	191	183	2340
Proposition 2 – against	31	89	60	140	24	59	51	454
Prop. 2 precinct totals	94	565	439	1039	173	250	234	2794

Voters Voted

Precinct	Registered Voters	Total	Percentage
101	942	99	10.51
102	2929	602	20.55
201	2770	475	17.15
205	2286	1122	49.08
206	703	182	25.89
301	2180	262	12.02
401	2612	254	9.72
Total	14422	2996	20.77

The Mayor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-04 and was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery.

Councilmember Cole made a motion to amend Section 8 of the ordinance to include "after quality control measures have confirmed the accuracy of the count by hand count of one particular box within the City" and recommended Ward 4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wagamon. The City Secretary noted that Texas Election Code

prevented the ballot boxes from being unsealed during the mandated retention period without a court order.

The amendment failed, 2-7, Councilmembers Cole and Wagamon voting in support.

A roll-call vote on the original motion was taken and the Mayor announced its passage, 7-2, Councilmembers Cole and Wagamon voting against.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional public comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approve Ordinance 2012-06, amending the budget for FY2010-11. [Winston Duke, Finance Director]**
- b. **Approve Resolution 2012-03, providing for the adoption of ethical and training standards for Juvenile Case Managers employed by the City of Huntsville. [Winston Duke, Finance Director]**

Councilmember Woodward made a motion to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. The Mayor announced the motion passed unanimously.

8. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no inquiries.

9. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

- a. **The Music in the Park free live music series will continue Thursday evenings from 6-8pm at parks around town through November 17, call 936-291-9726 or check the City website for more information.**

The Council presented Mayor Turner with a commemorative engraved gavel and striker plate set to thank him for his service.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; Section 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters including current and pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the City of Huntsville vs. the Huntsville/Walker-County Chamber of Commerce. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

[Councilmember Montgomery left the dais and filed a Conflict of Interest form.] The Mayor said he did not believe there was a need to go into Executive Session. He said the Court of Appeals had instructed the City to come up with a methodology for mediation. The Mayor made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to develop the methodology and was seconded by Councilmember Woodward. The Mayor announced the motion passed unanimously.

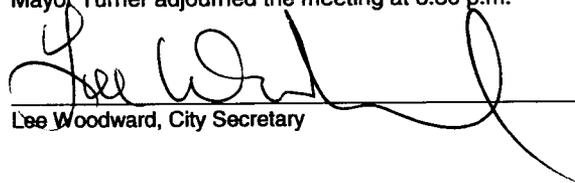
City Attorney Leonard Schneider said he had previously filed a court action on his own against the Attorney General concerning a Public Information Request. He said he would now like to dismiss the case as the information he sought to protect was no longer crucial and asked the Council vote to allow him to do so. The Mayor moved that the action be dropped and was seconded by Councilmember Wagamon. The Mayor announced the motion passed unanimously.

11. RECONVENE

- a. **Take action, if needed, on items discussed in Executive Session.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.


Lee Woodward, City Secretary



MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS AT 6:00 PM.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mac Woodward, James Fitch, Lydia Montgomery, Don H. Johnson, Keith D. Olson, Joe Emmett, Tish Humphrey, Ronald Allen, Clyde Loll

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Lee Woodward, City Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION [6:00PM]

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Woodward called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGES**
Councilmember Loll gave the invocation.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no public comments.
4. **ELECTION MATTERS**
 - a. Possible action to approve Ordinance 2013-06, canvassing the returns of the Regular Municipal Election held on the 6th day of November 2012, for the purpose of electing four At-Large Councilmember positions, and any recount results, if necessary; roll-call vote. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 1
JAMES FITCH 5584

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 3
JOE RODRIQUEZ 3314
DON JOHNSON 3507

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 2
LYDIA J. MONTGOMERY 5651

COUNCILMEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 4
KENDALL SCUDDER 3314
KEITH D. OLSON 3450
(Result of 11/16/12 recount)

Returns for the City of Huntsville Regular Municipal Election held Tuesday, November 6, 2012, for the purpose of electing the four At-Large Councilmembers – Positions One, Two, Three, and Four:

Early Voting by Precinct

Candidate & Position	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
James Fitch, Position 1	183	738	664	770	177	415	529	3476
POSITION 1 totals	183	738	664	770	177	415	529	3476
Lydia Montgomery, Position 2	203	738	668	785	198	425	521	3538
POSITION 2 totals	203	738	668	785	198	425	521	3538
Joe Rodriquez, Position 3	104	404	356	556	113	240	291	2064
Don Johnson, Position 3	127	496	439	457	108	292	311	2230
POSITION 3 totals	231	900	785	1013	221	532	602	
Kendall Scudder, Position 4	Included	in	precinct	recount	totals	below		
Keith D. Olson, Position 4	Included	in	precinct	recount	Totals	below		
POSITION 4 totals	Included	in	precinct	recount	Totals	below		

Early Voting & Election Day Returns

Candidate & Position	Early	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
James Fitch, Position 1	3476	114	375	395	445	110	286	383	5584
POSITION 1 totals	3476	114	375	395	445	110	286	383	5584
Lydia Montgomery, Position 2	3538	112	379	399	438	117	290	378	5651
POSITION 2 totals	3538	112	379	399	438	117	290	378	5651
Joe Rodriquez, Position 3	2064	52	216	222	315	79	180	186	3314
Don Johnson, Position 3	2230	78	205	229	288	68	173	236	3507
POSITION 3 totals	4294	130	421	451	603	147	353	422	6821
Kendall Scudder, Position 4	Recount #s	148	722	636	710	170	398	530	3314
Keith D. Olson, Position 4	Recount #s	205	645	633	817	192	470	488	3450
POSITION 4 totals – Includes EV in ea. precinct		353	1367	1269	1527	362	868	1018	6764

Voters Voted

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percentage
101	973	495	50.9
102	3133	1726	55.1
201	3035	1645	54.2
205	2329	1869	80.2
206	731	494	67.6
301	2385	1277	53.6
401	2914	1437	49.3
Total	15500	8943	57.7

Councilmember Humphrey made a motion to approve the canvass ordinance. Councilmember Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- b. **Administer the Oath of Office to the newly-elected City Councilmembers. [Judge Danny Pierce]**
Walker County Judge Danny Pierce administered the Oaths and Statements of Elected Officials. Mayor Woodward presented each with a Certificate of Election.
- c. **Possible action to elect the Mayor Pro-Tem. [Mayor Mac Woodward]**
Councilmember Montgomery nominated Councilmember Don Johnson. The motion passed 8-1, Councilmember Allen voting against.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Related to any City business – 2 minutes per speaker**
There were no public comments.

6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no media inquiries.

7. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

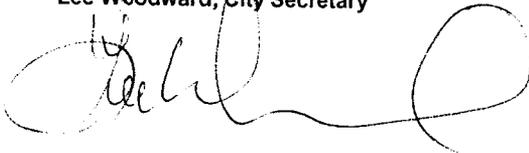
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Mayor Woodward congratulated the Huntsville Hornets and SHSU Bearkats on making the playoffs. Councilmember Loll noted the Alpha Omega Academy team had won their game. The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Woodward, City Secretary



MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS AT 6:00 PM.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mac Woodward, Lydia Montgomery, Keith D. Olson, Tish Humphrey, Ronald Allen, Clyde Loll

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Don H. Johnson, Joe Emmett

OFFICERS PRESENT: Lee Woodward, City Secretary, Matt Benoit, City Manager

SPECIAL SESSION [6:00PM]

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Woodward called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES
Councilmember Humphrey gave the invocation and Huntsville High School junior Laiton King led the pledges.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.
4. ELECTION MATTERS
 - a. *Presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve Ordinance 2014-09, canvassing the returns of the Regular and Special Municipal Elections held on the 5th day of November 2013, for the purpose of electing a Mayor At-Large; four Ward Councilmembers, one for each of the City's four wards: (1) one, (2) two, (3) three, and (4) four; an At-Large Councilmember Position One; and for adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter; roll-call vote. [Lee Woodward, City Secretary]*

FOR MAYOR

MAC WOODWARD 1998

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 1

JOE EMMETT 371

PAUL W. KNOX 182

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 2 (a recount petition has been received for this race)

KENDALL SCUDDER 170

TISH HUMPHREY 187

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 3

RONALD ALLEN 144

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 4

JOSE (JOE) RODRIQUEZ 1033

FOR AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER, POSITION 1

RACHEL WILLEFORD 584

ANDY BRAUNINGER 1600

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

- AMENDMENT 1. Shall Article II, Sections 2.01(a) and 2.01(b) of the existing Charter, be consolidated into one section 2.01 to provide that the City may extend its boundaries and annex and disannex territory to the extent and in the manner provided by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas to read as follows?

In the event that Proposition 1 is approved by the voters on November 5, 2013, Article Two, Section 2.01 shall read as follows:

“EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES. The City Council shall have the power by ordinance to fix the boundaries of the City of Huntsville. Without limiting the previous sentence, this power includes the ability to annex and to disannex territory, when permitted, to the extent, in the manner, and subject to any restrictions or limitations, provided by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

Section 2.01(a) REPEALED.

Section 2.01(b) REPEALED.

1609 FOR 677 AGAINST

- AMENDMENT 2. Shall Article IV, Section 4.07 of the existing City Charter relating to where city council meetings are held be amended to read as follows?

All meetings of the council shall be held at the City Hall of Huntsville or at such other public place within the city as may be approved by Council and, except as otherwise permitted by law, all meetings shall be open to the public and closed or executive meetings or sessions shall only be permitted as authorized by law.

2143 FOR 204 AGAINST

- AMENDMENT 3. Shall Article IV, Section 4.12, of the existing City Charter that allows an employee who is not appointed by the City Council to appeal a decision on a grievance of that employee to the City Council be deleted?

1226 FOR 945 AGAINST

AMENDMENT 4. Shall Article XI, Section 11.02 (f) of the City Charter be amended by striking the sentence "Such audit shall be on a non-certified basis."?

1421 FOR 640 AGAINST

AMENDMENT 5. Shall Article XI, Section 11.13 of the existing City Charter, relating to the sale of bonds issued by the City be amended to read as follows?

"No bond, other than refunding bonds issued to refund and in exchange for previously issued outstanding bonds, issued by the City shall be sold for less than par value and accrued interest.

All bonds of the City having been issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas, and having been delivered to the purchaser thereof, shall thereafter be incontestable, and all bonds issued to refund and in exchange for outstanding bonds previously issued shall, after said exchange, be incontestable."

1655 FOR 436 AGAINST

AMENDMENT 6. Shall Article XI, Section 11.17 of the existing City Charter, that relates to the issuance of new debt by the City be amended by deleting the last sentence "A favorable majority of all votes cast at the City election is required for approval." and inserting as the last sentence "A favorable majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposed issuance of new debt is required for approval."?

1782 FOR 438 AGAINST

AMENDMENT 7. Shall Article XIV, Section 14.18 of the existing City Charter, that requires the reading of all reports made by the State of Texas concerning the City be deleted?

956 FOR 1164 AGAINST

Returns for the City of Huntsville Regular and Special Municipal Elections held Tuesday, November 5, 2013, for the purpose of electing a Mayor At-Large; four Ward Councilmembers, one for each of the City's four wards: (1) one, (2) two, (3) three, and (4) four; an At-Large Councilmember Position One; and for adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter.

Early Voting by Precinct

(a recount petition has been received for the Ward 2 race)

Candidate & Position/Measure	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
Mac Woodward, Mayor	7	254	148	352	63	70	91	985
Mayor's race totals	7	254	148	352	63	70	91	985
Joe Emmett, Ward 1		202						202
Paul W. Know, Ward 1		98						98
WARD 1 Totals		300						300
Kendall Scudder, Ward 2			66				32	98
Tish Humphrey, Ward 2			113				4	117
WARD 2 totals			179				36	215
Ronald Allen, Ward 3	5					68		73
WARD 3 totals	5					68		73
Jose (Joe) Rodriquez, Ward 4				325	61		62	448
WARD 4 totals				325	61		62	448
Rachel Willeford	4	64	43	88	14	29	35	277
Andy Brauningner	6	222	113	294	58	43	61	797
POSITION 1 Totals	10	286	156	382	72	72	96	1074
Charter Amendment 1								
FOR	9	218	115	324	52	47	54	819
AGAINST	2	74	55	78	23	33	41	306
Totals	11	292	170	402	75	80	95	1125
Charter Amendment 2								
FOR	9	263	154	395	71	71	84	1047
AGAINST	1	33	19	17	9	9	17	105
Totals	10	296	173	412	80	80	101	1152
Charter Amendment 3								
FOR	7	161	88	241	44	46	55	642
AGAINST	3	116	78	144	34	31	40	446
Totals	10	277	166	385	78	77	95	1088

Charter Amendment 4								
FOR	6	184	99	281	54	45	47	716
AGAINST	3	87	58	78	20	30	40	316
Totals	9	271	157	359	74	75	87	1032
Charter Amendment 5								
FOR	7	217	137	299	57	58	67	842
AGAINST	3	55	26	55	15	18	25	197
Totals	10	272	163	354	72	76	92	1039
Charter Amendment 6								
FOR	9	231	132	321	61	61	68	883
AGAINST	2	47	32	66	14	18	28	207
Totals	11	278	164	387	75	79	96	1080
Charter Amendment 7								
FOR	7	138	68	196	40	26	34	509
AGAINST	4	134	93	174	34	50	58	547
Totals	11	272	161	370	74	76	92	1056

Early Voting & Election Day Returns
(a recount petition has been received for the Ward 2 race)

Candidate & Position	Early	101	102	201	205	206	301	401	Total
Mac Woodward, Mayor	985	15	226	93	468	71	59	81	1998
Mayor's race totals	985	15	226	93	468	71	59	81	1998
Joe Emmett, Ward 1	202		169						371
Paul W. Know, Ward 1	98		84						182
WARD 1 Totals	300		253						553
Kendall Scudder, Ward 2	98			49				23	170
Tish Humphrey, Ward 2	117			66				4	187
WARD 2 totals	215			115				27	357
Ronald Allen, Ward 3	73	14					57		144
WARD 3 totals	73	14					57		144
Jose (Joe) Rodriquez, Ward 4	448				459	66		60	1033
WARD 4 totals	448				459	66		60	1033
Rachel Willeford	277	7	79	33	97	28	26	37	584
Andy Brauninger	797	10	159	61	425	48	42	58	1600
POSITION 1 Totals	1074	17	238	94	522	76	68	95	2184
Charter Amendment 1									
FOR	819	8	174	74	376	59	34	65	1609
AGAINST	306	9	80	32	146	31	40	33	677
Totals	1125	17	254	106	522	90	74	98	2286
Charter Amendment 2									
FOR	1047	16	241	108	499	83	61	88	2143
AGAINST	105	1	22	3	39	9	15	10	204
Totals	1152	17	263	111	538	92	76	98	2347
Charter Amendment 3									
FOR	642	9	111	56	276	43	39	50	1226
AGAINST	446	8	125	46	198	43	31	48	945
Totals	1088	17	236	102	474	86	70	98	2171
Charter Amendment 4									
FOR	716	9	147	65	317	58	40	69	1421
AGAINST	316	8	75	28	134	25	29	25	640
Totals	1032	17	222	93	451	83	69	94	2061
Charter Amendment 5									
FOR	842	10	177	77	365	62	48	74	1655
AGAINST	197	7	56	14	93	22	24	23	436
Totals	1039	17	233	91	458	84	72	97	2091
Charter Amendment 6									
FOR	883	12	199	88	409	66	55	70	1782

AGAINST	207	5	51	13	92	22	21	27	438
Totals	1080	17	250	101	501	88	76	97	2220
Charter Amendment 7									
FOR	509	8	94	38	218	30	28	31	956
AGAINST	547	9	137	57	249	57	45	63	1164
Totals	1056	17	231	95	467	87	73	94	2120

Voters Voted

Precinct	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Percentage
101	614	30	4.89
102	3444	589	17.10
201	2031	303	14.92
205	2315	1014	43.80
206	914	176	19.26
301	2632	158	6.00
401	2522	225	8.92
Total	14,472	2495	17.24

Mayor Woodward made a motion to approve the canvass ordinance and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Related to any City business – 2 minutes per speaker**
There were no public comments.

6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

There were no media inquiries.

7. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

Mayor Woodward reminded all of the American Heart Association Heart Walk this Saturday at 8:30. The Mayor and Council thanked Councilmember Loll for his service and presented him with a City of Huntsville street sign printed with his name.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Woodward, City Secretary

