

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2019, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Brauning, Joe Emmett, Tish Humphrey, Ronald Allen, Joe P. Rodriguez, Paul Davidhizar, Clyde D. Loll, Mari Montgomery, Dee Howard Mullins

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Terri Johnson, Interim City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] The council heard updates on Economic Development Initiatives from City Manager Aron Kulhavy and Special Projects Director Tamara Gann.

MAIN SESSION [6:00 p.m.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Councilmember Howard Mullins gave the invocation and Alpha Omega Academy senior Zachary Taylor led the pledges.

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Recognition of the Alpha Omega Academy 2018 championship football team.
- b. Crime Stoppers Month.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - The City Council will receive comments from all interested persons on the proposed annexation of 14.95 acres: Lot 1 (14.95 acres) of the Johnny Q. Griffin, II 31.12 Ac. Tract, a subdivision situated in the Alexander Brown Survey, A-94 and the H. D. Ripley Survey, A-489, Walker County, Texas as shown on the plat recorded in Volume 4, Page 151 of the Plat Records of Walker County, Texas. Said Lot 1 (14.95 acres) conveyed by Johnny Quincy Griffin, II to Weatherford U.S., L.P. by Special Warranty Deed dated August 25, 2008 and recorded in Volume 871, Page 881 of the Official Public Records of Walker County, Texas.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There were no public comments. The Mayor announced that the public hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comments will be called for by the presiding officer before action is taken on these items. (Approval of Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendations. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion by request of a member of Council.)

- a. Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 3, 2019. [Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary].
- b. **SECOND READING - Presentation, public comment, discussion, and possible action to consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the construction of 2018 AJ-12 Basin Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Nos. 18-10-01 and 18-10-02, and adopt Ordinance 2019-12 for the associated budget amendment, second reading.** [Y. S. Ram Ramachandra, City Engineer]
- c. **SECOND READING - Presentation, public comment, discussion, and possible action to consider adopting Ordinance 2019-11, authorizing annual participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc., at the Public Utility Commission and the Federal**

Energy Regulatory Commission in 2018, second reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]

Councilmember Loll moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. **FIRST READING - Presentation, public comment, discussion, and possible action to consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract amendment #1 with Architects Design Group for the design of the Huntsville Police and Fire Department Proposition/Bond Project #1, and adopt Ordinance 2019-13 for the associated budget amendment, first reading. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

First reading, no action taken.

5. REQUESTS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for citizens to be heard on any topic and for the City Council to participate in the discussion. No action will be taken.

Patricia Powers, scheduled to address council, did not attend the meeting.

6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

No media inquiries were made.

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 Brauninger invited citizens to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr Day. The Council will be participating in the parade at 10 a.m. Monday, January 21, starting at the Cultural Center on 10th Street. The parade will proceed to Martin Luther King Drive to Emancipation Park.

Councilmember Humphrey encouraged the public to join Dance Fitness with the Parks and Leisure Department. The group meets at Huntsville Intermediate School 5th Grade Gym at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class is \$2 per person. For more information, call 936-294-5708.

Councilmember Rodriguez reminded citizens that City facilities will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. All trash collections will run on normal schedules for pickup. The Transfer Station will be open for business.

Councilmember Howard Mullins announced the Huntsville Public Library & Walker County Genealogical Society will host the annual Genealogy Winter Lock-In from 12:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 17 at the Huntsville Public Library. Beginners and longtime researchers are all invited. Society Members will be available to assist in all areas of research. To register, contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for more information.

Councilmember Loll reported City's Main Street office celebrated the holiday season with the 2nd Annual Downtown Christmas Lamppost Decorating Contest. The winner for the "Best Decorated Lamppost" was awarded to Bonnie Lu's Pink Lady Antiques, owned by Bonnie Smith. The award was presented by Special Projects/Economic Development Director Tamara Gann.

Mayor Brauninger told the Council about attending the 175th anniversary of the Forrest Masonic Lodge. Terri Johnson was introduced to the Council as Interim City Secretary. Councilmember Humphrey quoted Martin Luther King Jr.'s "We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, concerning the position of city secretary.
- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 to receive legal advice on the City of Huntsville Transfer Station facility.

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

9. RECONVENE

- a. Take action on items discussed in executive session, if needed.


The Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Loll moved to authorize the City Manager to set up interviews for City Secretary on January 22, 2019; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey. The motion was approved, 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:05 p.m.

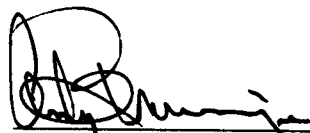
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ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Andy Brauninger, Mayor