

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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, Mari Montgomery, Dee Howard Mullins

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Clyde D. Loll

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

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] The council heard updates to the 2019 Strategic Goals discussed January 29, 2019.

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 Rodriguez gave the invocation and Mayor Brauning led the pledges.

1. 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 Regular City Council meeting held on January 15, 2019; the Special Session held on January 22, 2019; the Special Session held on January 29, 2019; and, the Strategic Planning Session held on January 29, 2019. [Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary].**
- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2019-21 Victims' Service Coordinator Grant for \$134,563.20 plus \$33,640.80 city match and adopting resolution 2019-17. [Kevin Lunsford, Director of Public Safety]**
- c. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2020 Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) JAG Grant for \$11,000.00 and adopting Resolution 2019-18 in support of same. [Kevin Lunsford, Director of Public Safety]**
- d. Consider authorizing the City manager to apply for the Governor's Office 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program for \$22,742.00 and adopting Resolution 2019-19 in support of same. [Kevin Lunsford, Director of Public Safety]**
- e. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Governor's Office 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program for \$46,968.00 and adopting Resolution 2019-20 in support of same. [Kevin Lunsford, Director of Public Safety]**
- f. SECOND READING - 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, second reading. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

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

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. FIRST READING - Consider approval of Ordinance 2019-14 for the proposed annexation of Lot**

1 (14.95 acres) of the Johnny Q. Griffin, II 31.12 Ac. Tract subdivision to comply with Section 2.8 Voluntary Annexation of the City of Huntsville/Weatherford US, LP Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with effective date of October 1, 2018. [Janet Ridley, City Planner]

First reading, no action taken.

- b. FIRST READING - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of Street Milling/Overlay Services. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]**

First reading, no action taken. Public Works Director Brent Sherrod and James Ferguson explained work would be completed in 2019.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Consider approval of employment agreement with Brenda Poe, City Secretary. [Mayor Andy Brauninger]**

Councilmember Howard Mullins moved to approve the employment agreement with Brenda Poe, City Secretary; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. Discuss and take possible action to initiate a criminal investigation of transfer station construction project. [Councilmember Ronald Allen]**

Councilmember Allen moved to initiate a criminal investigation of the transfer station construction project. The motion failed for lack of a second.

4. 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.

No requests were received by noon on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

5. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Ryan Welch, student reporter for the SHSU Houstonian, introduced himself.

6. 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 congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Joe Emmett, who celebrated the promotion of his daughter, D'Anne Emmett Spence, to Colonel of the United States Air Force. Col. Spence is the daughter of Judy and Joe Emmett, was born and raised in Huntsville. She is a 1995 graduate of Huntsville High School and was recruited by the Air Force to play tennis. She is another proud product of Home Sweet Huntsville.

Councilmember Humphrey reminded the public that the Huntsville Lions Club is continuing to work with Trex to recycle the types of plastics that our transfer station is not able to accept. Drop off plastic bags at Curves for Women, Citizens National Bank (Vera Bank), Snap Fitness, Creekside Retirement Center and First Christian. Check the Lions website for complete details. The products will be made into a bench to be placed in our community. I would also like to invite the public to join me and Curves, 279 Highway 75 North, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7.

Councilmember Rodriguez invited the public to the Wynne Home Arts Center, who will have a dance class for kids ages 6-9 taught by Dance students at SHSU on Saturday, March 9th. Mini Movers will focus on creative movement and some basic steps in jazz, ballet, and modern dance, so it will be easy for kids to join in for any of the classes. Class dates are Feb 9, Mar 9, and Apr 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. These are free dance

workshops and will be taught in the gallery at the Wynne Home.

Councilmember Davidhizar said this year will be exciting as we celebrate Texas Independence Day and General Sam Houston Birthday Celebration on March 2nd. The day will begin with coffee and reception at the Walker County Museum – Gibbs-Powell House. Graveside ceremonies will be held at Oakwood Cemetery where guests have the opportunity to be baptized Texans. For full details, follow the City of Huntsville on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Councilmember Montgomery spoke about the Lady Hornets finishing 1st in District Basketball. The Hornets have also clinched the District title. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and families and good luck in the playoffs.

Councilmember Rodriguez noted minor street repair issues and water leaks reported staff quickly repaired each situation. Councilmember Montgomery also reported a positive experience with city staff involving a gas leak.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on the City of Huntsville Transfer Station facility.**

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

9. RECONVENE

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

The Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:03 p.m.


Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary

ATTEST:

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Brenda Poe, City Secretary



Andy Brauninger, Mayor