

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF MARCH 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 Brauninger, Joe Emmett, Tish Humphrey, Ronald Allen, Joe P. Rodriguez, Paul Davidhizar, Dee Howard Mullins, Clyde D. Loll

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Mari Montgomery

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney; Brenda Poe, City Secretary

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] The council heard presentations about shared housing and annexation from City Manager Aron Kulhavy, City Planner Janet Ridley, and Development Services Director Kevin Byal.

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Paul Davidhizar gave the invocation and Hunter Madera and Jesus Hernandez led the pledges.

1. PRESENTATION

- Huntsville Police Department award presentation

Public Safety Director and Chief of Police Kevin Lunsford presented David Gonzalez with an award for the lifesaving efforts to rescue a 2-year-old child choking and not breathing.

2. 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 February 19, 2019. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary].**
- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for \$457,956, including matching funds of \$288,008 and adopting Resolution 2019-24. [Greg Mathis, Fire Chief]**

Councilmember Davidhizar moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

3. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the necessary documents to abandon the existing Utility Easements filed in Volume 3, Page 160 of the Plat Records of Walker County, Texas along with the existing City of Huntsville Utility Easements filed in Volume 451, Page 7 and Volume 452, Page 463 of the Official Public Records of Walker County, Texas on property addressed as 340 Bowers Boulevard and located east of Old Sycamore Avenue between Bowers Boulevard and Bearkat Boulevard. [Janet Ridley, City Planner]**

Councilmember Humphrey moved to authorize staff to work with the project engineer and property owner/developer to delineate per the new subdivision plat of the property, to be filed for record at the

Courthouse, the abandonment of the existing easements dedicated in Volume 3, Page 160 of the Plat Records, Volume 451, Page 7 of the Official Public Records, and Volume 452, Page 463 of the Official Public Records and the acceptance of new easements being dedicated in the subdivision plat; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

- b. **FIRST READING - Consider adopting Ordinance 2019-18 amending the Huntsville Code of Ordinances Chapter 44 Article VI Sec 44-133 (b)(1)(i), striking the exemption for such vehicles owned by, driven by or in possession of jurors of any case in district or county court, first reading. [Tammy Gann, Economic Development/Special Projects Director]**

First reading, no action taken. Economic Development/Special Projects Director Tamara Gann and Burt Lyles spoke about work done to move forward with the recommended motion.

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.

Timothy Charles Owl Davis would like to put into action a move to eradicate at-large positions, and have two ward seats per ward in place, because of current and future biased overrepresentation.

5. **MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

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 shared that the City of Huntsville hosted an unveiling ceremony on Saturday, here at City Hall. The portrait of Pleasant Gray was completed by local artist Lee Jamison. He had no photo to refer to, just the written word to describe the founder of Huntsville. A crowd of over 50 was present, including many descendants of Pleasant Gray from California, Arizona and Texas. The City would like to thank everyone involved in the project for their hard work and dedication to honor the founder of Home Sweet Huntsville.

Councilmember Humphrey announced that the City of Huntsville Solid Waste Department will be hosting a FREE Electronics Recycling Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 6th. The event will be held at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 590 Interstate 45 North. This is a perfect opportunity for local residents to clear out those electronics stacking up in the garage. For a complete list of items accepted, log on to HuntsvilleTX.gov/E-cycle.

Councilmember Loll invited the public to the 2019 Kiwanis Pancake Supper at the Huntsville Public Library. The annual fundraiser that benefits literacy efforts at the Library is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8. The cost is \$5 for all you can eat pancakes and sausage. Stop by 1219 13th Street on Friday and enjoy a treat while giving back to the community.

Councilmember Rodriguez encouraged residents to get out and explore Huntsville during Spring Break. Visit all the wonderful, free facilities – like the Library who is hosting several free activities or the Statue and Visitor Center - or take a hike through the beautiful Sam Houston Forest. Get out into the parks and let the kids have fun. Head downtown to shop small businesses and support the local economy. But most importantly, be safe in the neighborhoods throughout Home Sweet Huntsville, watch for children!

Councilmember Allen announced the Muster 5K Ruck/Fun March taking place from 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum. The race will benefit the Museum and is open to the public. For more information, call 936-714-1338.

Councilmember Howard Mullins announced the Barbara Wiggs Fun Day in the Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Martin Luther King Center. The event is free and open to the public. There will be booths for families to visit and an Easter egg hunt. Make plans to attend.

Mayor commented that he attended the TML Elected Officials Conference in San Marcos. Councilmember Rodriguez reminded citizens about the Solid Waste Department's free dumpster being offered this week.

7. 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 6:45 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

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

The Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:54 p.m.

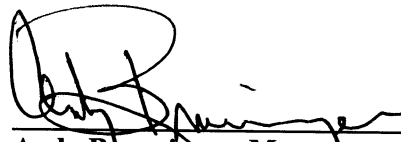
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ATTEST:



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CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Andy Brauninger, Mayor