

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**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, Dee Howard Mullins, Clyde D. Loll, Mari Montgomery

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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**WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.]** The council heard a presentation about recycling from Public Works Director Brent Sherrod. *(Councilmember Allen was absent.)*

**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 Cayden Bussart led the pledges.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Brauning read a proclamation for Sgt. Maize Warren.

**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 March 5, 2019. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary].
- b. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2019-20 to amend the budget for FY 18-19 and/or CIP Project budgets. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]
- c. Consider approving the Continuing Disclosure Agreement with the Trinity River Authority and related Resolution, Certificate for Resolution No. 2019-23. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]
- d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a 2.373-acre tract located at the northeast intersection of Rosenwall Road and FM 2821. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]
- e. Consider a motion authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of Vegetative Debris Grinding Services. [Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director]
- f. Consider granting easements for electric power facilities to Entergy Texas, Inc. upon City properties along Veterans Memorial Parkway. [Y. S. "Ram" Ramachandra, City Engineer]

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

**2. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. **SECOND 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, second reading. [Tammy Gann, Economic Development/Special Projects Director]

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-18 striking the Huntsville Code of Ordinances Chapter 44 Article VI Sec 44-133 (b)(1)(i); the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 6-3. Judge Don Kraemer addressed the agenda item, stating his concern about security of jurors.

### **3. 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.

### **4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

### **5. 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 announced the City of Huntsville will be participating in 23rd Annual HUB/Vendor Show. The show will be held Wednesday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Region 6 Education Service Center, 3332 Montgomery Road. The show is held in association with TDCJ, SHSU, Huntsville ISD and the Small Business Development Center. There will be informative sessions and vendors to showcase products that make this Home Sweet Huntsville. The Mayor also encouraged councilmembers to read their latest issue of Texas Towns & Cities.

Councilmember Humphrey awarded the Messiest Ward trophy to Councilmember Ronald Allen after announcing Ward 3 as the winner. City of Huntsville Solid Waste Department recently held a Cleaner & Greener Huntsville initiative by providing free roll off dumpsters to residents. The numbers are in and Ward 3 produced the MOST garbage with 15.68 tons of garbage. Overall, citizens disposed of over 50 tons across the City. The Council is very excited about the turnout. As a reminder, there are some products that are being dumped that are NOT allowed. Please do not place liquid waste, like paint, or flammable liquids in the dumpsters. Tires can be dropped off at the Transfer Station for a fee. We encourage citizens to follow the rules so that we can continue to support this free service.

Councilmember Montgomery invited the public to the City of Huntsville's Parks & Leisure Department will host a FREE Scotts® Major League Baseball® Pitch Hit & Run™ Competition for boys and girls ages 7 to 14 on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Kate Barr Ross Park. Pitch Hit & Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills. For more information, contact Penny Joiner at 294-5708.

Councilmember Rodriguez encouraged residents to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, addressing a crucial public safety and public health issue. Huntsville Police Department will be joining in the effort by collecting unused or expired prescription medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th, at Huntsville High School, 515 FM 2821. For more information, call 291-5480.

Councilmember Davidhizar 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. Stay to attend the Muster taking place 10 a.m. and is free and open to the public.

Councilmember Howard Mullins announced the City of Huntsville's 12th annual Electronics Recycling Day

will be held Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 590 Interstate 45 North. The event is free to the citizens of Huntsville and is held yearly. For more information, call 294-5712.

**6. 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 6:43 p.m.

**8. RECONVENE**

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

The Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the City Manager to direct DeSimone Consulting Engineers to perform design services to repair the City of Huntsville Transfer Station facility; Councilmember Allen and Davidhizar seconded the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

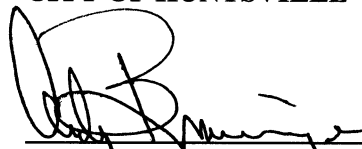
Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:36 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Poe, City Secretary

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Andy Brauninger, Mayor