

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021, 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 workshop and regular session with the following:**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Daiquiri Beebe (*arrived at 5:38 pm*), Blake Irving (*arrived at 6:10 pm*), Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins (*arrived at 5:39 pm*), Bert Lyle, Joe P. Rodriguez, Andy Brauninger, Pat Graham, Vickie McKenzie

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Terri Johnson, Interim City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney (*arrived at 5:58 pm*)

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**WORKSHOP [5:30 P.M.]** Adam Winningham, Emergency Management Coordinator briefed the Council on the City's response to the February winter storm. Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director; Steve Ritter, Finance Director, and Kevin Lunsford, Public Safety Director also contributed to the information shared with the City Council.

**MAIN SESSION [6 P.M.]**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES**

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

Mayor Brauninger gave the invocation and led the pledges.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- National Library Week
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. **Public hearing to hear comments on the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Self-Service Storage Facility to be expanded on property located at 20 FM 1791. [Armon Irones, City Planner]**  
The Mayor called the hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. City Planner Armon Irones presented the CUP 01-2021 presentation about the expansion of a storage facility located at 20 FM 1791. An additional presentation about the Space Place facility project was presented by Scott Lewis, CEO of Spartan Investment Group and Aaron Sanders, Director of Construction at Spartan Investment Group, as a representative of the applicant for the expansion of the storage facility. The hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

**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 City Council meetings held March 16 and March 23, 2021. [Terri Johnson, Interim City Secretary]**
- b. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 2021-14 to amend the budget for FY 20-21 and/or CIP Project budgets. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2020 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS (CIP) BUDGETS,**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 TO AMEND ADOPTED EXPENDITURES OF THE BUDGET;  
AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- c. **Consider purchase of office supplies and related items estimated to be \$53,000 from Office Depot utilizing OMNIA Partners Purchasing Cooperative with an expiration date June 30, 2024 with options to renew through June 30, 2029. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]**

Councilmember McKenzie made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Graham. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

**3. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. **Consider approving the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Self-Service Storage Facility to be expanded on property located at 20 FM 1791. [Armon Irones, City Planner]**

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application # 01-2021, allowing a Self-Service Storage Facility to be expanded on property located at 20 FM 1791 with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.; the motion was seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

**4. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY**

- a. **FIRST READING - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2021-13, suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Entergy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) filing made with the City on March 4, 2021, first reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

*First reading, No action necessary.*

Councilmember Humphrey made a motion to waive the second reading and adopting Ordinance 2021-13, suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Entergy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) filing made with the City on March 4, 2021; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyle. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS (“CENTERPOINT” OR “COMPANY”) COMPANY’S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (“GRIP”) FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON MARCH 4, 2021; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

- b. **Consider approving nominees for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number One Board of Directors. [Mayor Andy Brauninger]**

Mayor Brauninger made a motion to approve the nominations for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number One Board of Directors; the motion was seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

Terms will expire 08-31-2022 for re-appointed TIRZ Board of Directors Don Johnson and Barry Shoemake. The term for Director Trey Wharton will expire 08-31-2021.

## 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.

None submitted.

## 6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

## 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 welcomed Officer Tri Huynh to the City of Huntsville as the newest addition to the Huntsville Police Department. Officer Huynh comes to us as a 6-year veteran from the Houston Police Department. We look forward to him continuing his career here in Huntsville.

Councilmember Lyle announced that in honor of National Library Week, the Huntsville Public Library will be hosting live music on the library patio from 5 to 6pm on April 9, 2021 featuring the Sam Houston Jazz Combo.

Councilmember Irving provided information about a free drive thru for COVID vaccinations. St. Paul United Methodist Church will be partnering with Huntsville Family Medicine to administer vaccines at 9 am on April 10, 2021 at 322 Horace Smith Rd. For more information about how to register, visit the St Paul United Methodist Church's Facebook page @StPaulUMCHuntsvilleTX.

Councilmember Mullins announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at one of the city's newest businesses hosted by the Walker County Chamber of Commerce. The ribbon cutting ceremony for Rejuv MB Spa & Aesthetics will be at 4pm on April 13, 2021 at 1109 University Avenue.

Councilmember Rodriquez attended the Vietnam Day celebration at the HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas on March 29, 2021. He spoke about the museum need for funds to assist with the building of the memorial wall with only \$35,000 in donated funds.

Councilmember Humphrey announced a challenge to donate to CASA of Walker County's Little Blue House fundraiser to support child abuse prevention month in April. Donations can be made to CASA through the little blue houses that will be located around town and at local businesses.

City Manager Aron Kulhavy introduced the Deputy City Manager Rick Rudometkin.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will adjourn into executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, concerning vacant City Secretary position. [Mayor Andy Brauninger]
- b. City Council will adjourn into executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to receive legal advice on complaints made by Jesus Rodriguez. [City Attorney Leonard Schneider]

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

## 9. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:19 p.m. No action was needed for items discussed in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:19 p.m.

Ashley Newsome, Deputy City Secretary

**ATTEST:**

  
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Terri Johnson, Interim City Secretary

**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**  
  
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Andy Brauninger, Mayor

