

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TELEPHONICALLY ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL 2020, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a telephonic session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Brauninger, Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Joe P. Rodriquez, Mari Montgomery, Clyde D. Loll

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

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

City Secretary Brenda Poe read the following statement: “This meeting of the Huntsville City Council is being conducted by telephonic conferencing as allowed by the Governor’s Order to suspend certain portions of the Open Meetings Act. The public is requested to not make any comments until invited by the Mayor Pro Tem and then please do not speak over each other. The public, council and staff are requested to make sure there is no background noise and to try to participate from a quiet area. The pledge of allegiance is being performed by the Mayor Pro Tem only. When roll call is made each council member is asked to announce by stating your name. It is requested each staff member identify themselves by name before speaking. When the Mayor Pro Tem allows comments from the public it is requested the person speaking state their name for the record. This meeting is being recorded and made available to the public on our website and Facebook page.”

The City Secretary conducted a roll call for attendance.

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

Councilmember Loll gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger said 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 City Council meeting held on April 7, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]**
- b. **SECOND READING - Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a purchasing agreement with FleetCor for Fuelman fuel cards for off-site point of sale fueling of City vehicles, second reading. [Brent S. Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]**
- c. **Consider the approval of outsourcing electrical services for the installation of 17 lampposts in downtown. [Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development/Special Projects]**

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

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **FIRST READING - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of Street Milling/Overlay/Rehab Services, to Larry Young Paving in the amount of \$1,168,288.76, first reading. [Brent S. Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]**

First reading, no action taken.

- b. **Consider adopting Bruce Brothers Huntsville Municipal Airport (UTS) Master Plan 2020. [Y. S.**

“Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to adopt Bruce Brothers Huntsville Municipal Airport (UTS) Master Plan 2020; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Consider Ordinance 2020-25 extending the Disaster Declaration issued by Mayoral proclamation on March 13, 2020 in response to COVID-19. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-25 extending the Disaster Declaration issued by Mayoral proclamation on March 13, 2020 in response to COVID-19; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. Councilmember Montgomery made a statement about testing. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. FIRST READING - Consider adopting Ordinance 2020-24 in denying the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor rate increase by Entergy Texas Inc., first reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

First reading, no action taken.

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 submitted by the deadline.

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.)

The City Secretary reminded citizens that the the City of Huntsville is continuing to follow Governor Greg Abbott’s directives to increase social distancing and avoid large groups gathering. The Governor ordered the closure of State Parks at the close of business Tuesday, April 7th and that continues. Playground equipment, sports courts, restrooms, workout stations, and pavilions will be temporarily closed to the public until the Governor’s order is lifted and the public safety conditions improve. The remainder of the park will be open for walking, hiking, and other outdoor activities. This directive only applies to city-owned parks and does not apply to golf courses, privately-owned parks, or property owned by Sam Houston State University. Follow updates, pay bills and conduct business online at HuntsvilleTX.gov and all social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

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 annexation of Area E and the annexation of areas “A” thru “G” and lawsuits filed in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville, regarding said annexation. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

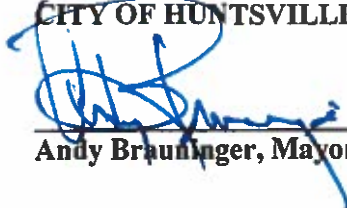
Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:23 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Andy Brauninger, Mayor