

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF JULY 2023, AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 1219 13th STREET, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a workshop and regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brauninger, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 3 Massey, Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

WORKSHOP: (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. Discuss Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget.
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.*

Councilmember McKenzie gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

PROCLAMATION

- a. Proclamation No. 2023-20 Dr. Scott Sheppard Region 6 Superintendent of the Year.
Andy Brauninger, Mayor

1. CONSENT AGENDA

The presiding officer will call for public comments 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. **Consider approving the Minutes from the July 5, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- b. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for dental insurance administrative services.**

Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items a, and b. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauning, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No - None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Consider adopting Ordinance 2023-16 Ordering a Municipal Election to be held on November 7, 2023, General Election to elect the Mayor at-large and a Councilmember from each of the four Wards to serve two-year terms.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-16 calling the November 7, 2023, General Election to elect a Mayor at-large and four councilmembers, one from each of the city's four Wards. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauning, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No – None

- b. **Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2023-17 Ordering a Charter Amendment Special Election to be held on November 7, 2023.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary addressed the Council with comment that the presented Ordinance was a draft, and that Council has the option to choose to review the draft Ordinance at the current meeting and recommend any changes or amendments. She would then present a final version after grammatical changes were made at the next City Council meeting.

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney also addressed the Council informing them that they could pass the Ordinance or wait until it is in final form to include translating to Spanish as well as the final grammatical wording. He stated that the changes were all grammatical and not content base. He also noted that there was still adequate time to pass the Ordinance at the next meeting on August 1st.

Councilmember Russell Humphrey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17 calling the November 7, 2023, Charter Amendment Special Election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauning, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No – None

Mr. John Jafreh did make a Public Comment. He spoke about Agenda Item 2b, telling Council they need to make sure there is a weekend for voters to vote in the upcoming election.

The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauning, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No – None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA
None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor and Council announced Items of Community Interest.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.087 for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations - Project Guppy and LTS.
Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development

City Council convened in closed session at 6:20 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

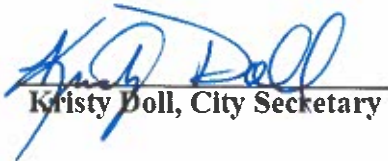
Council reconvened from Executive Session into Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauning adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Kristy Doll, City Secretary




Andy Brauning, Mayor