

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023, AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 1219 13th STREET, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 5:30 P.M.

The Council met in 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

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

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

Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Massey gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

PROCLAMATION

- a. **Proclamation No. 2023 - 24: 9/11 National Moment of Remembrance**
Andy Brauninger, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Public Hearing on the Tax Year 2023 (FY 2023/2024) Tax Rate for the City of Huntsville.**
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Mayor Brauninger opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

No citizen comments regarding the public hearing were heard.

Mayor Brauninger closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

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 authorizing the City Manager to award a purchasing agreement to multiple vendors based on product, price, availability, and reasonable delivery time for Water and Wastewater supplies for the City of Huntsville's warehouse.
Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director
- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a mowing and trimming services contract for R.O.W. (Veterans Memorial), Transfer Station, and additional acreage mowing to Precision L&L, and the Airport mowing to Wayne Pool, LLC.
Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director
- c. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2023-22 to amend the budget for FY 22-23 and/or CIP Project budgets.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director
- d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to award an emergency purchase order contract to Texas Waste Equipment for Vac-Con Truck repairs.
Brent Sherrod, Public Works Director
- e. Consider authorizing the City Manager to renew the contract for demolition services of abandoned structures.
Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services
- f. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve an invoice for Fire Station #1 interior repairs.
Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items a-f. 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 approval of Ordinance 2023-20 to adopt the FY 2023/2024 Budget with all policies, fees, rates, and provisions as referenced therein.
Record/rollcall vote required.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-20 to adopt the FY 2023/2024 Budget with all policies, fees, rates and provisions as referenced therein. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Russell Humphrey. The motion passed 8-0.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning

No: None

- b. Consider ratifying the increased property tax revenues of \$1,004,600 reflected in the FY 2023-2024 Budget as adopted.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to ratify the increased property tax revenues of \$1,004,600 reflected in the FY 2023-2024 Budget as adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Russell Humphrey. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No - None

- c. Consider approval of Ordinance 2023-21 adopting the Tax Rate of \$0.3074 per \$100 valuation, one component being M&O at \$0.2377 and the other component being Debt Service at \$0.0697 and levying taxes for the City of Huntsville for the FY 2023/2024. Record/rollcall vote required.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Russell Humphrey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-21 adopting the Tax Rate of \$0.3074 per \$100 valuation, one component being M&O at \$0.2377 and the other component being Debt Service at \$0.0697 and levying taxes for the City of Huntsville for the FY 2023/2024. This tax rate is effectively a 14.4% increase in the tax rate. (The last sentence in the motion is required under Sec. 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 8-0.
Roll call vote.

Yes: Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Pat Graham, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Jon Strong

No: None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a. Consider the appointments to the City of Huntsville Boards and Commissions for vacant board positions.**

Andy Brauninger, Mayor

Mayor Andy Brauninger made a motion to appoint Board and Commission members as presented. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Bert Lyle, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Vicki McKenzie, Deloris Massey, Pat Graham; No - None

BOARD NAME	SEAT #	APPOINT/ REAPPOINT	BOARD MEMBER	TERM EXPIRE
LIBRARY BOARD				
	6	Reappoint	Tom Waddill	8-31-2026
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD				
	4	Appoint	Kristin Wren	8-31-2026
	5	Reappoint	Paul Park	8-31-2026

	8	Reappoint	Nelson Amaya	8-31-2026
	10	Appoint	Guadalupe Ortiz	8-31-2025
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD				
	1	Reappoint	Greg Smith	8-31-2025
	3	Appoint	Courtney Rouse	8-31-2025
	4	Reappoint	Douglas Wright	8-31-2025
	9	Appoint	LeDenna Holcomb	8-31-2023
	11	Appoint	Amanda Berset	8-31-2024

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor and Council announced Items of Community Interest.

ADJOURNMENT

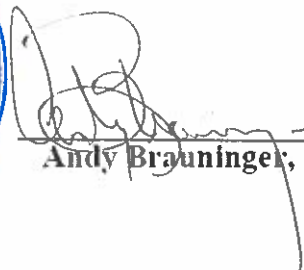
Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Kristy Doll, City Secretary




Andy Brauninger, Mayor