

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2024, AT THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE SERVICE CENTER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 448 HIGHWAY 75, 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 Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham

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

WORKSHOP

Mayor Humphrey called the workshop to order at 5:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION

- a. **Receive a presentation on the creation of a Municipal Drainage Utility System..**
Kathlie Jeng-Bullock, City Engineer

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:41 p.m.

MAIN SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Lyle gave the invocation and pledges were led by Mayor Humphrey.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **The City Council will hear public comment on adoption of Ordinance 2024-17 to consider approval of the Development Plan for the Planned Development of the approximately 86.56-acre tract of land adjacent to the 150 Block of FM 247 and also just east of American Legion Drive located on Walker County Property ID #13938, 13939, and 13941.**
Armon Irones, City Planner

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Armon Irons, City Planner provided information regarding the Development Plan for Planned Development SPJR Properties, LLC.

The Applicants SPJR Properties, LLC, responded to questions from Council.

This Planned Development is a three-step process.

Mayor Humphrey asked for public comments in support of the adoption of Ordinance 2024-17 to consider approval of the Development Plan for the Planned Development, there were no citizen comments.

Mayor Humphrey asked for public comments in opposition of the adoption of Ordinance 2024-17 to consider approval of the Development Plan for the Planned Development, there were no citizen comments.

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 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 approving the Minutes from the July 2, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary**
- b. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-16 to amend the budget for FY 23-24 and/or CIP Project Budgets.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director**
- c. Consider approving the 2024 Election Services Contract and Joint Election Agreement with Walker County for the November 5, 2024, General Election for the purpose of electing four At-Large Councilmembers to serve three-year terms and any special election that may be called by the City.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary**
- d. Consider adopting Ordinance 2024-15 Ordering a Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, General Election to elect the four At-large Councilmembers to serve three-year terms.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary**

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items a through d. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8-0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. First Reading - To consider adopting Ordinance 2024-17, to approve the Development Plan for the Planned Development of the approximate 86.56-acre tract of land adjacent to the 150 Block of FM 247 and also just east of American Legion Drive located on Walker County Property ID #13938, #13939, and #13941.**

Armon Irones, City Planner

No action necessary-First Reading

- b. First Reading - Consider and possible action to Approve Ordinance No. 2024-14 authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area Cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc and authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts and the City's participation at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve Ordinance 2024-14 authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area Cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. and authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts and the City's participation at the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- c. **Consider approving Resolution No. 2024-16 authorizing the Walker County Appraisal District Office to calculate the Voter-Approval tax rate for the 2024 Tax Year (City fiscal year 2024-2025) in the manner provided for a special taxing unit (8 percent) as the City of Huntsville is located in an area declared a disaster area pursuant to Texas Tax Code Sec. 26.042.**
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 authorizing the Walker County Appraisal District Office to calculate the Voter-Approval tax rate for the 2024 Tax Year (City fiscal year 2024-2025) in the manner provided for a special taxing unit (8 percent) as the City of Huntsville is located in an area declared a disaster area pursuant to Texas Tax Code Sec. 26.042. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a. **Receive a Presentation on the FY 24-25 Budget**
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

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 551.074 – Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager Aron Kulhavy.**
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager

City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

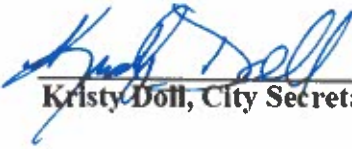
City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to renew the City Manager's Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

ADJOURNMENT

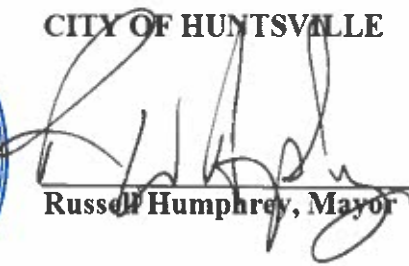
Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kristy Doll, City Secretary



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Russell Humphrey, Mayor