MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE SERVICE CENTER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 448 HIGHWAY 75, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS.

The City 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 At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Swigert, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

OFFICERS ABSENT:

WORKSHOP (5:00-5:45 p.m.)

DISCUSSION

a. **Community Meet and Greet with newly appointed City Manager Scott Swigert.**

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 Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie led the pledges.

PRESENTATIONS

a. **Oath of Office and Statement of Office for newly appointed City Manager Scott Swigert.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

b. **Empty Bowls proceeds presentation to Walker County Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program.**
Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development

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 Minutes from the March 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

b. **Consider Resolution 2025-9 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program, Texas Department of Transportation, for the Sycamore Avenue Widening Project.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

c. **Consider Resolution 2025-10 authorizing the City Manager to submit for and accept, when awarded,**

funding under the FY24-25 Congressionally Directed Spending, Community Project Funding, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the N.B. Davidson Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

d. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Aurora Technical Services for the Professional Engineering Services.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Consent Agenda Item 1.d. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda for consideration.

e. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for the Professional Engineering Services.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Consent Agenda Item 1.e. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda for consideration.

f. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for the Professional Engineering Services.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Consent Agenda Item 1.f. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda for consideration.

g. **Consider approval of the purchase of hardware and services to replace aging network equipment per the City's IT hardware replacement schedule.**
Bill Wavra, IT Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a., b., c., and g. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

2. **STATUTORY AGENDA**

Items 1.d., 1.e., and 1.f. were moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda

1.d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Aurora Technical Services for the Professional Engineering Services.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Aurora Technical Services for the Professional Engineering services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

1.e. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for the Professional Engineering Services.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for the Professional Engineering Services Work Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Casey Cox. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

1.f. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for the Professional Engineering Services.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering for the Professional Engineering Services Work Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Casey Cox. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

a. Receive presentation from Pattillo, Brown, and Hill, LLP, CPAs concerning the audit and consider acceptance of the audit for FY 23-24.
Steve Ritter, Finance Director.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to accept the FY 23-24 audit from Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP, CPAs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

b. First Reading - Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-11, suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program filing made with the City on or about February 18, 2025.
Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to suspend the two-reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11, suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program filing made with the City on or about February 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

a. Consider the appointments to the City of Huntsville Boards and Commissions.
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to appoint the Board and Commission members as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

BOARD NAME	SEAT #	APPOINT/ REAPPOINT	BOARD MEMBER	TERM EXPIRES
Parks and Recreation				
	4	Appoint	Bradley Sherman	8/31/2026
Main Street				
	4	Appoint	Cody Rogers	8/31/2025
Tourism				
	2	Appoint	Megan Buro	8/31/2025

b. Consider directing staff to amend Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, Article IV Stormwater Utility System, the Division 3 Stormwater Utility Fees.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to direct staff to complete required steps to amend Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, Article IV Stormwater Utility System, the Division 3 Stormwater Utility Fees, to revise rate schedules for school districts, religious organizations and county. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 7 - 1.
roll call vote:
Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine
No: Casey Cox

c. Consider Opposing Senate Bill 924 and House Bill 2479.
Sam Masiel, Interim City Manager

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to send an opposition letter to Senator Charles Schwertner opposing Senate Bill 924 and House Bill 2479. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

d. Consider Resolution No. 2025-11 opposing legislation that eliminates the Countywide Polling Place Program, Electronic Poll Books, and Electronic Ballot Marking Devices.
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 Opposing the Elimination of Countywide Polling Place Program, Electronic Poll Books, and Electronic Ballot Marking Devices. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox; No: None.

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmembers announced Items of Community Interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST: **CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**

Sharon Schultz, Deputy City Secretary **Russell Humphrey, Mayor**