

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF JULY 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 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: Scott Swigert, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

OFFICERS ABSENT:

WORKSHOP (5:00-6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Humphrey called the Workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. **Discuss the status of both the current Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.**

Lance Hall, Finance Director

- b. **Presentation on the Benefits of Urban Trees by Texas A&M Forest Service.**

Pat Graham, Councilmember At-Large Position 4

Bert Lyle, Councilmember At-Large Position 1

Tore Fossum, Councilmember Ward 1

Ben Plunkett, the District Forester for the Texas A&M Forest Service gave a presentation.

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the Workshop at 5:42 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 the pledges were led by Mayor Humphrey.

PRESENTATION

- a. **Receive a Presentation on the Solid Waste Rate Study.**

Lance Hall, Finance Director

Dave Yanke with NewGen Strategies and Solutions gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Rate Study.

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 1, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary
- b. **Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-18 to amend the budget for FY 24-25 and/or CIP Project Budgets.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director
- c. **Consider accepting the Solid Waste Rate Study from NewGen Strategies & Solutions.**
Lance Hall, Finance Director

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. through c. 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

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve the Phase 2 professional engineering services for the Dawson Lake Dam Drainage Project with Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Public comments were heard from Mr. John Maisel regarding the Dawson Lake Dam.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to approve the Phase 2 professional engineering services for the Dawson Lake Dam Drainage Project with Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$282,227.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- b. **First Reading - Consider adopting Ordinance 2025-20, amending Chapter 12 of the Huntsville Code of Ordinances, Buildings and Building Regulations, to establish regulations for vacant buildings**
Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services.

Councilmember Casey Cox made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve Ordinance 2025-20, amending Chapter 12 of the Huntsville Code of Ordinances, Buildings and Building Regulations, to establish regulations for vacant buildings as reflected in Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. 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. **Consider approving and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement with the Walker County Economic Development Corporation to promote and facilitate activities that enhance the economic base of Huntsville and Walker County through attraction, creation, expansion and retention of business and industry, focusing on value added to local resources and manufacturing.**
Russell Humphrey, Mayor

Mayor Humphrey recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with the Walker County Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 7 - 0. Yes: Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong,

Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None; Abstain: Russell Humphrey

Mayor Humphrey returned to the Council Chambers.

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmembers announced Items of Community Interest.

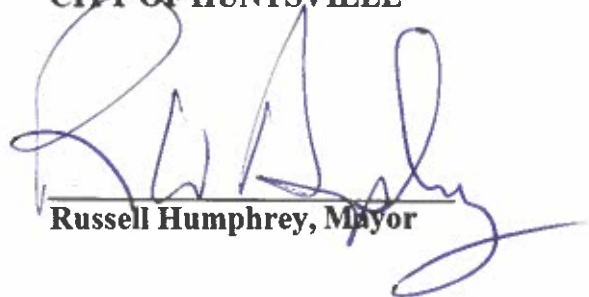
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kristy Doll, City Secretary



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Russell Humphrey, Mayor