MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 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 Strong, 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 At-Large Position 4 Graham

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie

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

OFFICERS ABSENT:

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 Bert Lyle gave the invocation, and the pledges were led by Mayor Humphrey.

PROCLAMATION

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC HEARING

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 January 20, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.**
   Kristy Doll, City Secretary

   b. **Consider the acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for the month of December 2025.**
   Lance Hall, Finance Director

   c. **Consider Resolution 2026-02 authorizing the submission of an application and acceptance of funding if awarded under the General Victim Assistance Grant Program.**
   Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager

   d. **Consider Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of funding under the FY 2026 BUILD Grant Program for airport access planning improvements.**
   Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager

e. **Consider Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the submission of an application and acceptance of funding if awarded under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program, FY 2027.**
Christina Bodin-Turner, Grants Manager

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

2. **STATUTORY AGENDA**

a. **Consider entering into an interlocal agreement with Sam Houston State University for the 2025-2026 High Potential Leadership Academy.**
Brian Beasley, HR Director

Councilmember Anissa Antwine made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with Sam Houston State University for the High Potential Leadership Academy for a one-time payment of $6,000 for the 2025-2026 Leadership Academy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

b. **Consider Mutual Release and Termination Agreement from the Public Improvement Agreement dated June 17, 2021, with Epoch Huntsville Tenant, LLC.**
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer
Ricardo Villagrand, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Mutual Release and Termination Agreement for the Epoch Huntsville LLC. Development. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

c. **First Reading - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award a purchasing contract for the rehabilitation of the Two Million Gallon Elevated Storage Tank located at the Palm Street Water Plant.**
Kim Kembro, Public Works Director

Councilmember Casey Cox made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and authorize the City Manager to award a purchasing contract to O&J Coating Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Two Million Gallon Elevated Storage Tank located at the Palm Street Water Plant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

d. **First Reading - Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2026-01, Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances.**
Kristy Doll, City Secretary

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01, Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

e. **First Reading - Consider and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2026-02, 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 Tore Fossum made a motion to waive the two-reading requirement and approve Ordinance 2026-02 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 Jon Strong. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmembers 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 Attorney.**
Brian Beasley, HR Director

City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

Take action on items discussed in executive session, if needed.

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristy Doll

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

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~~Russell Humphrey, Mayor~~

Jon Strong
Mayor Pro tem