

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**The Council met in a regular session with the following:**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Brauninger, Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Clyde D. Loll, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Joe P. Rodriguez

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Mari Montgomery

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Brenda Poe, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

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**MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]**

**CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES**

*U.S. Flag*

*Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.*

Councilmember Davidhizar gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- **Crime Stoppers Month**
- **Boys II Men recognition**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Public Comments will be called for by the presiding officer 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. **Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 7, 2020, and Strategic Planning held on January 14, 2020 and January 16, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]**
- b. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-13 to amend the budget for FY 19-20 and/or CIP Project budgets. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]**
- c. **Consider the approval of a City uniform rental and cleaning services for a term of two (2) years plus one (1) two-year renewal. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]**
- d. **Consider authorizing the award of a bid for the purchase and installation of a flexible liner for the Spring Lake Water Plant backwash tank. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

**2. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. **Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-14 amending Speed Zones on State Highway 75 in the City of Huntsville City limit to establish a School Zone adjacent to Classical Academy of Huntsville. [Y. S. "Ram" Ramachandra, City Engineer]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion suspend the first reading and move to the approval of the item; the motion was seconded by Howard Mullin. The motion was adopted, 8-0. Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-14 amending Speed Zones on State Highway 75 in the City of Huntsville City limits to establish a School Zone adjacent to Classical Academy of Huntsville; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Loll. Char Piper, 7221 Highway 75 South, voiced her concerns about authorizing the building of the school on a major highway that is two lanes

and is opposed to changing the speed zone. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

**3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY**

- a. FIRST READING - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-15 authorizing annual participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc, at the Public Utility Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2020, first reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

*First reading, no action taken.*

- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to amend a lease agreement with Sealark Investments, LLC for an oil, gas, and mineral lease covering lands situated in Walker County, Texas. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to authorizing the City Manager to amend a lease agreement with Sealark Investments, LLC for an oil, gas, and mineral lease covering lands situated in Walker County, Texas to extend the primary term for two years; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

**4. REQUESTS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**An opportunity for citizens to be heard on any topic and for the City Council to participate in the discussion. No action will be taken.**

- a. Ethel Hawkins would like to discuss Strong Women Stand Together – “Taking a Stance Against Homelessness in Huntsville, Texas”.**

Ethel Hawkins spoke to council about homelessness in Huntsville, along with the governor’s initiative to eliminate homelessness.

**5. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**6. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no action will be discussed or taken.)**

Mayor Brauninger spoke about attending the Martin Luther King Jr celebration at the MLK Recreation Center at Emancipation Park on Monday, Jan. 20, along with Councilmembers Dee Howard Mullins, Blake Irving and Daiquiri Beebe. The event was a sellout with a large attendance and the Center looked great. He also mentioned the upcoming Wounded Warrior Banquet coming up. He also added that Councilmember Montgomery is still recovering from a recent surgery and will be back soon.

Councilmember Humphrey reminded citizens that Saturday, January 25th will be the Opening Reception for The American Dream Exhibit. Artist Darryl Patrick will be showcasing 33 photographs, each with a backstory, in our gallery. Refreshments will be served.

Councilmember Rodriquez invited the public to the annual Genealogy Winter Lock-In, hosted by the Walker County Genealogical Society will be from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, at the Huntsville Public Library. Society Members will be available to assist in all areas of research. Light lunch provided.

Councilmember Irving encouraged residents to be aware of the upcoming Cenus. Every 10 years, the Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community’s public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan

for the future, and our voice in government. Learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and how to participate at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). They are currently looking for census takers, so apply today at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

Councilmember Beebe announced the Huntsville ISD Sweetheart Dinner and Auction. The annual benefit fundraiser for the HISD Buyers Group will be at 6:30 -9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Storm Shelter, 463 State Highway 75 North. The funds benefit HISD students participating in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walker County Fair. For more information, contact Shannon Duncan at 936-435-6397.

Mayor Brauninger allowed Walter Boyd to speak, addressing an upcoming Pre-Law Society event featuring a former prosecuting attorney from Harris County. He also spoke about attending Strategic Planning in that he hopes the meeting to be more formal, without food, and better heating. He also suggested the Mayor make an effort to work with the County Judge in development areas.

The Mayor commended the City Manager on his efforts during the Strategic Planning sessions.

#### 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on the annexation of Area E and the annexation of areas "A" thru "G" and lawsuits filed in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville, regarding said annexation. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**
- b. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on an agreement to construct public improvements between the City and Amstad Huntsville 1791, LP. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

#### 8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened 7:05 p.m. The City Secretary reported that Councilmember Davidhizar stepped out of executive session at 6:55 p.m. and delivered a conflict of interest on item 7b.

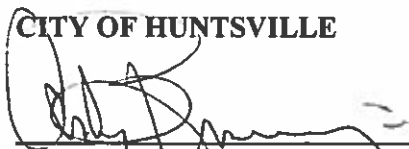
#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:05 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Poe, City Secretary

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Andy Brauninger, Mayor