

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF JANUARY 2021, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Dee Howard Mullins, Bert Lyle, Pat Graham, Joe P. Rodriguez, Andy Brauning, Vicki McKenzie, Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauning 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.

Mayor Brauning gave the invocation and led the pledges.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING –** Public hearing to hear comments on the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Self-Service Storage Facility to be developed on property located at 1367 SH 75 N.

The public hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m. City Planner Leigha Larkins gave an overview of the application. No one spoke for or against the application. The public hearing closed at 6:06 pm

2. **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 meetings held December 15, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the purchase of three Chevy Equinox, to Wiesner, Inc., in the total amount of \$66,648 including all fees. [Brent S. Sherrod, P.E., Public Works Director]
- c. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2021-08 to amend the budget for FY 20-21 and/or CIP Project budgets. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Howard Mullins. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

3. **STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. Consider approving the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Self-Service Storage Facility to be developed on property located at 1367 SH 75 N. [Leigha Larkins, Planner]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit Application #02-2020, allowing a Self-Service Storage Facility to be developed on property located at 1367 SH 75 N with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Graham. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. **FIRST READING –** Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the fiber optic communication line installation (from Fire Station No. 1 to City of Huntsville Service Center)

project – Project No. 19-10-05, first reading. [Bill Wavra, IT Director, and Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]

First reading, no action taken.

- c. Consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase IT infrastructure equipment for the new Fire Station No. 2 and Police Department Buildings – Project Nos. 18-04-01.1 and 18-04-01.2. [Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer, and Bill Wavra, IT Director]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to authorize the City Manager to Purchase IT infrastructure equipment from FreeIT Data in the amount of \$159,994.90 and from CDWG in the amount of \$56,825.17 for new Police Department and Fire Station No. 2 buildings.; the motion was seconded by Councilmember JR. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Consider approving nominees for City boards, committees, and commissions. [Andy Brauning, Mayor]

The Mayor moved his nominations of Daiquiri Beebe to the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The motion was adopted, 9-0. The Mayor moved his nominations of Kristie Hadnot to the Texas General Land Office CDBG Mitigation Citizen Advisory Committee. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Daiquiri Beebe, alternate	Texas General Land Office CDBG Mitigation Citizen Advisory Committee – Kristie Hadnot
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5. 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.

None submitted

6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

7. 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 Brauning announced the Huntsville City Council will meet for Strategic Planning for 2021 on Monday and Tuesday, January 11th and 12th at the Huntsville Public Library. This work session is open to the public and what we as a Council plan to achieve in the upcoming year in #HomeSweetHuntsville.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez reminded citizens that Council recently discussed assisting our fellow neighbors who need help with their Utility Bills. Citizens can donate to that effort through Project Help on our website. To find out how to help, log onto HuntsvilleTX.gov/ProjectHelp or call 936-294-5431.

Councilmember Howard Mullins made note that the COVID-19 vaccines are not currently available for the general public at Huntsville Memorial Hospital. HMH is following State guidelines to provide the first vaccines to healthcare workers, medical professionals, and first responders. TDEM has released facts that can be found on our website at HuntsvilleTX.gov/COVID.

Councilmember Lyle asked the public to take a step back in time and join downtown Huntsville for the 2nd Saturday Sip & Shop. Great music, great fun, great shopping and great sipping. Leisurely stroll through the stores in downtown Huntsville for after-hours shopping and enjoy complimentary adult beverages. Over 15 businesses open their doors until 7:30 in the evening and welcome you to Rock Around the Block. Grab your friends and go shopping it's Back in the 50's Theme dress up!

Councilmember Beebe spoke about the joy in 4-year-old Rory's face says it all when City of Huntsville's Mr. Tora McGowan drives through the Avenues on Monday morning. Rory's mom says he starts waving before the driver even makes the corner. The driver then gives Rory a honk that puts the largest smile on his face. Thank you to the City employees that take the time to do the small things for our citizens!

Mayor Brauninger mentioned the tours of the new Fire Station #2 and Police facilities over the past several weeks and looks forward to their completion in March.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.071 - consultation with counsel on legal matters to receive legal advice on litigation with Kimberly Webb; Webb v City of Huntsville; Case 4:17-CV-03289, US District Court, Southern District of Texas - an attorney may speak by conference call in Executive Session. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney].**
- b. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 - consultation with legal counsel on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with chapter 551 relating to and for the purpose of attorney-client communications concerning the City of Huntsville New Police Headquarters and Fire Station #2/Fire Administration Building Project.**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

9. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:43 p.m.

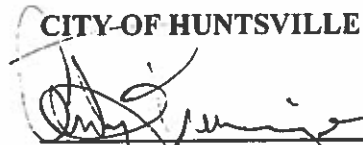
Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Andy Brauninger, Mayor