

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> 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:** Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins, Bert Lyle, Joe P. Rodriguez, Andy Brauning, Pat Graham, Vicki McKenzie

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

---

**WORKSHOP [5 P.M.]** City Council heard a presentation on the progress of the Huntsville Independent School District Long Range Planning Committee from HISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Shepherd.

**MAIN SESSION [6 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.*

Councilmember Blake Irving gave the invocation and Mayor Brauning led the pledges.

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING –** Public hearing to hear comments on the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Recreational Vehicle Park Facility to be developed on property located in the 600 block of SH 30 East.

The public hearing was opened at 6:01 p.m. The public hearing closed at 6:09 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 meeting held January 5, 2020.** [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. SECOND 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, second reading.** [Bill Wavra, IT Director, and Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve the consent agenda of the draft minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyle. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- 3. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. Consider approving the Conditional Use Permit Application for a Recreational Vehicle Park Facility to be developed on property located in the 600 block of SH 30 East.** [Leigha Larkins, Planner]

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to approve Conditional Use Permit Application # 03-2020, allowing a Recreational Vehicle Park to be developed on property located in the 600 block of SH 30 East on a called 29.768 acres tract of land, WCAD GEO ID 2401-081-0-00400, with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey.

The motion was adopted, 7-2, with Councilmembers Beebe and Irving voting against.

**4. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY**

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

**Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) –  
Ward 1 Councilmember Daiquiri Beebe, Bobby Lumpkin, Trey Wharton, Dr. Alisa White, Dr. Lee Miller, Ray Hernandez, County Judge Danny Pierce, Stacey Loll, Dr. Timothy Deahl, Andy Isbell, Rhonda Ellisor, Rev. Dave Smith, Michelle Spencer, Cheryl Spencer, Mary Jane Crowe, Catherine Santamaria, Kody Waters**

The Mayor moved his nominations as presented. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. **FIRST READING** - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2021-09 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 2021 and employing the Lawton Law Firm P.C. to represent the City with regard to the ETI rate matters before local and Public Utility Commission of Texas, first reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]

Councilmember Humphrey made the motion to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure by waiving the two-reading requirement and to adopt Ordinance 2021-19 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 2021 and employing the Lawton Law Firm P.C. to represent the City with regard to the ETI rate matters; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyle. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- c. Consider removing the required 80-hour prerequisite in order to sell back a maximum of 40 hours during the vacation buyback program for City employees. [Councilmember Blake Irving, Ward 3]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to remove the 80-hour prerequisite for all staff, allowing employees to sell back a maximum of 40 hours for the vacation buyback program; the motion was seconded by Councilmembers Irving and Graham. Councilmember Graham made a motion to postpone the item; the motion was seconded by Councilmember McKenzie. The motion to postpone was adopted, 5-4, with Councilmembers Humphrey, Irving, Howard Mullins and Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez voting against.

- d. Receive presentation by developer on the requested creation of a Special District inside the city or its extraterritorial jurisdiction. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]

*Presentation was given by Chris Wren, President of Treaty Oak Developers, and Julianne Kugle, with SKLaw, representing the developer. The group asked to be placed on the Feb. 2 agenda to consider giving the project support.*

**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 Brauninger wished Pat Graham a happy birthday and spoke about The Huntsville City Council participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade yesterday through #HomeSweetHuntsville. I also participated in a virtual event in conjunction with the other community leaders. That can be found on Youtube under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Huntsville, TX.

Councilmember Graham announced the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for 2021 will be a to-go event this year. All proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels. The event will take place from 11 am to 2 pm Feb. 16 at the Wynne Home Arts and Visitor Center.

Councilmember Humphrey talked about the City of Huntsville will be kicking off the Corporate Challenge with an introductory meeting from 6-8 p.m. March 18, 2021 at the MLK Community Center. For more information about this program, call 936-294-5721.

Councilmember Howard Mullins spoke about Walker County is diligently working to bring COVID-19 vaccines to our community. A Mass Community Vaccination Plan is being developed to be submitted to the state. The state is in charge of allocating vaccines, not the county or city. The County and City have very little input but will be ready if and when they push out large quantities to rural areas. In the meantime, contact Brookshire Bros. Pharmacy, HEB Pharmacy and Kroger Pharmacy and get your name on their list. Emergency Management will inform the public through all media outlets as they receive information.

**8. 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, concerning City Secretary Brenda Poe.**
- b. **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, concerning City Manager Aron Kulhavy.**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

**9. RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 10:15 p.m.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:15 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Poe, City Secretary

**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Brauninger, Mayor