

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2020, 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 (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*), Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Andy Brauning, Joe P. Rodriguez, Mari Montgomery

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Clyde D. Loll

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

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] The City Council heard a presentation on the Airport Master Plan with City Manager Aron Kulhavy and representatives from Lochner.

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. 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 February 18, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]**

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent agenda with approval to correction of the date on the minutes presented; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. The motion was adopted, 7-0.

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Walker County to jointly fund additional engineering design for expansion of scope of work for improvements to FM 2821 and Rosenwall Road Intersection Project, Project #18-04-01.2B. [Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Walker County to jointly fund additional engineering design for expansion of scope of work for improvements to FM 2821 and Rosenwall Road Intersection Project, Project #18-04-01.2B; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 8-0. Bill Daugeette clarified the reason for \$20,000.

- b. **Consider authorizing additional engineering design services to KSA Engineering for expansion of scope of work for improvements to FM 2821 and Rosenwall Road Intersection Project, Project #18-04-01.2B. [Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]**

Councilmember Montgomery made a motion to authorize additional engineering design services to KSA Engineering for expansion of scope of work for improvements to FM 2821 and Rosenwall Road Intersection Project, Project #18-04-01.2B; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey. The motion was adopted, 8-0. Bill Daugeette spoke about the project benefitting City, County and TxDOT.

County Judge Danny Pierce spoke about the outstanding partnership that is taking place with this project.

- c. **Consider the lapse in the approval of the Planned Development District Amendment and Concept Plan for the Planned Development for the approximate 66-acre tract of land located at 907 State Highway 19. [Janet Ridley, City Planner]**

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to reinstate the Developer's authorization to submit a Development Plan for the Planned Development of the subject property; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

- d. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and adopting Resolution 2020-18 in support of same. [Greg Mathis, Fire Chief]**

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to authorize the City Manager to apply for the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$251,700, including matching funds of \$25,170, and adopt Resolution 2020-18; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. **FIRST READING - Consider approval of Ordinance 2020-17 denying CenterPoint Energy rate increase application, first reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

First reading, no action taken.

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

The Mayor moved his nomination. 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. **Suzanne Badger would like address Council with local Huntsville resident DeAnna, to talk about distracted driving and the ways Huntsville government can educate and enforce the law.**

Suzanne Badger addressed the Council about Safe2Save.org that encourages drivers to avoid texting while driving.

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 Brauning reminded citizens about the free residential community-wide cleanup through March 7. Large roll off dumpsters will be available in all four wards from 7 a.m. Monday to 4 p.m. Saturday. No electronics, commercial dumping, tires, liquid waste or flammable liquids are allowed. For more information, call 294-5712.

Councilmember Humphrey spoke about the variety of activities for the family taking place at the Huntsville Public Library during Spring Break week, March 9-13. Check out the website for full details at MyHuntsvilleLibrary.com or on Facebook. Be safe during the break and Sting 'Em Hornets during the game tonight against Manor in the Regional Quarterfinals!

Representatives from Freese and Nichols and Enprotec gave updates on the Bond Prop. 3 projects for water and wastewater improvements.

Councilmember Davidhizar announced the Alpha Omega Academy basketball team won the State Championship for TAPPS 2A. Mayor Brauningger added that his grandson was named to the first team All-District as a point guard.

Councilmember Mullins made a motion pursuant to Chapter 551.071 requesting legal counsel in the matter of Item 7b; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

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, 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.

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 9:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauningger adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:56 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:


Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Joe Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem