

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Travis Dotson called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Councilors Stephen Ford, Brad Willis, Leslie Evans, Chrystal Lacey, Roger Eoff, Scott Thomas, Guy Roden and Bettina Coger were present. Watkins called roll and declared a quorum.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas shared the Invocation and Counciler Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Engineer-Zach Johnston

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Swearing in of Sam Dupwe for Mayor's Youth Council.

Oath of Office of Jonathan Taylor for Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026, seconded by Councilor Evans. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written departmental reports were provided to councilors in their emailed agenda packets. These actions were taken, or information was presented during the reporting period:

- Mayor Dotson presented a statement on the Madison County Planning and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA).
- Mayor Dotson reported that the City received a permit from ArDot to install school zone beacon lights at a cost of \$8,607.00 to be paid by the City.
- Mayor Dotson reported that the City will receive 3 million from the federal government to be used for water and sewer projects.
- Mayor Dotson reported that the City's loan capacity, calculated at 5% of the appraised value of land in the incorporated town has increased from \$3,161,845.95 in 2024 to \$ 7,732,520.85 in 2025.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Airport Commission-Jan. 8th
- Infrastructure Committee-Jan. 15th
- Water & Sewer Commission-Jan. 15th

Economic Development Comm-Jan. 20th
Planning Commission-Feb. 3rd

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Approving the Destruction of Certain Records. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. Res. 4-2026.

Mayor Dotson started a discussion about an invoice from Siddons-Martin for \$8,091.99 from 2024 that the fire department had ordered and received, but for some reason the City did not receive the bill. He asked the councilors if they wanted to pay the bill. Councilor Evans made a motion to pay the bill and also add the 8,091.99 to the fire department's budget for this year with a resolution. Seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion carried 7-1.

Mayor Dotson started a discussion about Resolution 6-2024, which is Allowing for Temporary Discounts to Builders and Contractors. Mayor Dotson stated that it was for a period of 18 months and that it expired as of January 8th of this year. He asked the councilors if they wanted to continue with the discounts for builders. After much discussion, Councilor Eoff made a motion to allow Temporary Discounts to Builders and Contractors, and they must start at zero houses for this new discount. Seconded by Councilor Roden. Motion carried unanimously. Res. 5-2026.

Mayor Dotson introduced an Ordinance to Rezone Certain Lands from Low Density Residential (R1) to High Density Residential (R3). Councilor Eoff made a motion to place the Ordinance on its 1st reading, Seconded by Councilor Lacey. Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Lacey. Meeting adjourned 7:27.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith