



**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING**
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026
City Hall | 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Travis Dotson
2. **Roll Call - Establish Quorum** – Finance Director Carmen Watkins
3. **Invocation** – Councilor Scott Thomas
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Guy Roden
5. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Councilors may add items or delete items.
 - b. Motion required to approve as submitted or amended.
6. **Introduction of Special Guests**
7. **Special Order of Business**
8. **Approval of Minutes of July 13th.**
9. **Public Comments**
10. **City Department Reports** (provided in emailed agenda packet)
 - a. Police Department
 - b. Public Works Department
 - c. Water Department
 - d. Fire Department
 - e. Finance Director
 - f. Mayor
 - g. Economic Development Director
 - h. Planning Director
 - i. Building Inspector
 - j. Code Enforcement Officer
 - k. Animal Control Officer
11. **Commission and Committee Reports** (emailed with agenda packet)
 - a. Water & Sewer Commission-July 16th
 - b. Economic Development-July 20th
 - c. Planning Commission-July 27th
 - d. Infrastructure Committee-July 28th
12. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Proposed Ordinance 2026-X Amending Title 14 of the Huntsville Zoning Code of the City of Huntsville, Arkansas. 2nd Reading
13. **New Business**
14. **Announcements/Correspondence/Comments**
 - a. Economic Development-Monday, Aug. 17th 1:00 pm
 - b. Water & Sewer Commission-Thursday, Aug. 20th 4:00 pm
 - c. Planning Commission-Monday, Aug. 24th 6:00 pm
 - d. City Council Meeting-Monday, Sept. 14th 6:00 pm
15. **Adjournment**

Travis Dotson
Mayor

Janice Smith
City Clerk

Councilor Roger Eoff
Ward I, Position I

Councilor Chrystal Lacey
Ward I, Position II

Councilor Scott Thomas
Ward II, Position I

Councilor Leslie Evans
Ward II, Position II

Councilor Guy Roden
Ward III, Position I

Brad Willis
Ward III, Position II

Councilor Bettina Coger
Ward IV, Position I

Councilor Stephen Ford
Ward IV, Position II

Jessica Fritts
City Attorney

Josh Herring
Chief of Police

Brian Robinson
Public Works Director

Carmen Watkins
Finance Director

Kevin Shinn
Fire Department Chief

Sean Davis
Water Department Director

Brandi Holt
Economic Development Director

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Travis Dotson called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville City Council at City Hall at 6:07 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Dotson introduced Chris Soma, Park Director for Mitchusson Park and informed the Council that the Park Commission had unanimously recommended him to fill the vacant position on the Park Commission. Councilor Eoff made a motion to approve the appointment of Chris Soma to the vacant position, seconded by Councilor Roden. The motion carried. Mayor Dotson then administered the oath of office to Mr. Soma.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Roden made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8th as amended to correct the spelling of Ryan Ray's name, seconded by Councilor Eoff. 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:

- Police Chief Herring reported that the Police and Fire Department recently partnered with Harps for a fundraiser event. He stated that although the event was shortened due to heavy rain, it raised \$596.00.
- Police Chief Herring reported that Officer Stelly has resigned from the Police Department after accepting employment in Virginia. Chief Herring expressed his appreciation for Officer Stelly's service. He stated that he has been conducting interviews to fill his position.
- Police Chief Herring reported to the Council that the Department's K-9 is nearing retirement age. He reported that Officer Seaton, the department's K-9 handler and a member of the military, had

applied to a K-9 program through Custom K-9 Unlimited in Gainesville, GA. He stated that Officer Seaton was accepted into the six-week program, with tuition, K-9 training, certification, and the K-9 itself will be fully covered by his GI Bill.

- Police Chief Herring wanted to recognize Officer Robert Smith, who serves as the departments in house detective. He is attending a 6 month nationally accredited Crime Scene Technician Program in Little Rock. Chief Herring stated that Officer Smith has 3 months left and will become the only nationally certified crime scene technician in Madison County.
- Fire Chief Kevin Shinn recognized the Fire Department personnel involved in the recent swift water rescue and commended their efforts. He specifically acknowledged Kristin Shinn Clark, Joey McConnell, George Loera and Steve McCourty for their response and dedication.
- Fire Chief Shinn provided an overview of a recent house fire on West St. and commended the Fire Department for their response. He noted the challenges presented by the home's construction and the limited water supply available in the southwest area of the City, which created additional difficulties during the incident.
- Mayor Dotson announced that he will be traveling to Little Rock to receive an additional \$150,000 grant for Airport improvements. This brings the total grant funding received for the Airport upgrades this year to \$950,000.
- Mayor Dotson stated that he has been working on a contract with Judge Garrett for the City's portion of housing prisoners at the new jail. He stated that we have Act 1188 money that can only be spent on housing prisoners and that 90 percent of that will be sent to the County for the City's portion of Misdemeanor cases.
- Mayor Dotson gave an update on the Dotson St. property and also stated that the City is looking into purchasing more property to connect to Dotson St.
- Mayor Dotson introduced Carl Stewart who will be the new Code Enforcement and is currently the co building inspector.
- Mayor Dotson gave an update on the success of the 250th Celebration.
- Mayor Dotson gave an update on ArDot sidewalk project.
- Mayor Dotson provided an update on the City's solar energy usage and reported that the system is currently offsetting approximately 53% of the City's energy consumption. He stated that the City will continue to monitoring upcoming utility bills to determine if additional savings are realized.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS PROVIDED

- Airport Commission-June 1st
- Water & Sewer Commission-June 28th
- Planning Commission-June 22nd
- Park Commission -June 24th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dotson introduced a Proposed Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the Huntsville Zoning Code of the City of Huntsville, Arkansas. Councilor Eoff made a motion to place the Ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance.

Mayor Dotson introduced a Resolution Regarding the Acceptance of a Certain Donation. Councilor Roden made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilor Coger. Motion carried. 14-2026.

Mayor Dotson introduced a Proposed Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the Huntsville Zoning Code of the City of Huntsville, Arkansas. W/Emergency Clause. Councilor Eoff made a motion to place the Ordinance on its 1st reading, seconded by Councilor Roden. Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance. Councilor Eoff made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Thomas. Attorney Fritts read the title. Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its 3rd reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Roden. Attorney Fritts read the title. Councilor Eoff made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Ford. Motion carried. Councilor Thomas made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause, seconded by Councilor Eoff. Motion carried. 2026-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

Upcoming meetings and activities were announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Eoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Roden. Meeting adjourned 7:36

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Janice Smith

5 YR MONTHLY	Jul-26	Jul-25	Jul-24	Jul-23	Jul-22
Tax Comparison					
City Sales Tax	107,579.00	114,067.00	111,304.00	107,667.00	94,089.00
County Sales Tax	40,706.00	40,150.00	36,321.00	35,991.00	30,439.00
5 YR ANNUAL	YTD 2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Building Permits	6,292.00	43,137.00	26,698.00	35,272.00	42,985.00
Business License	7,295.00	8,945.00	8,195.00	8,615.00	8,623.00
Fire Dept Fees	9,640.00	9,460.00	9,565.00	9,930.00	7,170.00
Franchise Fees	252,744.00	422,789.00	379,693.00	432,189.00	369,616.00
Misc Permits	121.00	148.00	376.00	393.00	467.00
Fines Income	100,425.00	108,522.00	111,492.00	79,397.00	23,179.00
Municipal Aid	28,608.00	42,776.00	42,815.00	43,773.00	42,950.00
American Rescue				0.00	266,122.00
Grants/Donations	52,139.00	1,553,150.00	8,438.00	2,145.00	2,726.00
Huntsville Schools	85,696.00	98,125.00	110,566.00	72,791.00	
Interest Income	58,513.00	102,991.00	73,136.00	66,930.00	12,271.00
Madison County	17,754.00	22,969.00	21,988.00	26,020.00	21,572.00
Misc Income	115,121.00	24,405.00	46,059.00	2,144.00	1,099.00
Police Stipend 2022				0.00	43,060.00
Rental Income	3,850.00	8,530.00	550.00		
Transfer In	0.00	905,590.00	50,285.00	67,756.00	645,066.00
City Sales Tax	756,986.00	1,290,277.00	2,191,164.00	1,200,023.00	1,166,393.00
County Sales Tax	284,720.00	465,071.00	442,767.00	416,780.00	397,865.00
Property Tax	81,456.00	180,939.00	150,913.00	158,686.00	115,929.00
	\$1,860,859.00	\$5,287,524.00	\$3,674,700.00	\$2,622,845.00	\$3,167,093.00

2025 REVENUE BY	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
Building Permits	540.00	\$1,371.00	694.00	80.00	230.00	902.00
Business License	105.00	\$110.00	90.00	70.00	15.00	2900.00
City Sales Tax	107,076.00	\$121,258.00	104301.00	103297.00	110430.00	103045.00
County Sales Tax	41,393.00	\$43,304.00	37883.00	38830.00	42822.00	39783.00
Fines Income	24,958.00	\$10,497.88	12671.00	13079.00	15791.00	9992.00
Fire Dept Fees	3,675.00	\$4,895.00	785.00	280.00	425.00	70.00
Franchise Fees	35,533.00	\$41,468.00	41587.00	37246.00	6179.00	54053.00
Grants/Donations		\$1,674.00	42853.00	1049.00	460.00	1121.00
Huntsville Schools	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	47427.00	38269.00	0.00
Interest Income	12,787.00	\$4,763.00	5507.00	12559.00	4863.00	5259.00
Misc Income	36.00	\$11,501.00	24787.00	11107.00	775.00	25.00
Misc Permits		\$6.00	6.00	20.00	22.00	45.00
Municipal Aid	5,813.00	\$2,946.00	2946.00	2946.00	2946.00	2946.00
Property Tax	1,015.00	\$16,435.00	1663.00	11042.00	34278.00	9340.00
Rental Income	225.00	\$725.00	600.00	450.00	975.00	300.00
	233,156.00	\$ 266,873.00	\$ 276,371.00	\$ 285,400.00	\$ 258,479.00	\$ 229,782.00

	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26
Building Permits	2,250.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Business License	3,615.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
City Sales Tax	107,579.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
County Sales Tax	40,706.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Fines Income	9,925.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Fire Dept Fees	70.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Grants/Donations	1,500.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Franchise Fees	36,178.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Huntsville Schools	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Interest Income	12,774.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Misc Income	67,171.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Misc Permits	22.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Municipal Aid	8,065.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Property Tax	7,683.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Rental Income	475.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Transfer In	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	\$ 303,931.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

General Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Annual Budget Jan 2026 Dec 2026	Jan 2026 Dec 2026 Percent of Budget
Revenue & Expenditures				
Revenue				
General Revenues				
Building Permits	2,250.00	6,067.32	36,000.00	16.85%
Business License Fees	3,615.00	6,905.00	8,500.00	81.24%
City Sales Tax	107,578.66	756,985.52	1,287,800.00	58.78%
County Sales Tax	40,706.34	284,720.23	462,440.00	61.57%
Fines Income	9,925.16	86,415.28	100,000.00	86.42%
Fire Dept Fees	70.00	9,605.00	9,400.00	102.18%
Franchise Fees	36,177.64	252,243.74	424,000.00	59.49%
Grants/Donations	1,500.00	52,139.07	25,000.00	208.56%
Huntsville Schools SRO	0.00	85,695.85	153,075.00	55.98%
Interest Income	12,774.19	58,512.71	75,000.00	78.02%
Madison County	5,918.01	17,754.03	60,672.02	29.26%
Misc Income	67,170.62	115,089.73	0.00	
Misc Permits	22.00	121.00	200.00	60.50%
Municipal Aid	8,064.64	28,607.76	43,000.00	66.53%
Property Tax Assessment	7,683.36	81,456.41	165,000.00	49.37%
Rental Income	475.00	3,750.00	4,000.00	93.75%
Transfer In	0.00	0.00	78,000.00	
General Revenues Totals	\$303,930.62	\$1,846,068.65	\$2,932,087.02	
Revenue	\$303,930.62	\$1,846,068.65	\$2,932,087.02	
Gross Profit	\$303,930.62	\$1,846,068.65	\$2,932,087.02	
Expenses				
General Revenues				
Miscellaneous Expense	1,073.68	1,073.68	0.00	
General Revenues Totals	\$1,073.68	\$1,073.68	\$0.00	
Administrative				
Advertising	590.00	5,035.00	4,500.00	111.89%
Dues/Licenses	65.00	4,993.11	5,109.52	97.72%
Equipment - Office	153.21	5,903.17	14,458.00	40.83%
Fuel	56.06	304.26	750.00	40.57%
Improvements	0.00	4,563.51	50,000.00	9.13%
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	5,505.02	3,917.05	140.54%
Insurance - Health	1,238.97	8,707.64	15,458.48	56.33%
Insurance - Legal & Other	0.00	0.00	5,326.15	
Insurance - Vehicles	0.00	0.00	303.50	
Land/Buildings	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	
Meeting Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	335.41	5,000.00	6.71%
Other Services	6,178.45	48,006.25	80,169.00	59.88%
Payroll Taxes	1,723.25	8,790.63	18,451.42	47.64%
Repairs & Maint. - Bldgs.	0.00	361.29	5,000.00	7.23%
Repairs & Maint. - Veh/Equip	0.00	(92.23)	300.00	(30.74%)
Retirement - APERS	3,168.32	16,790.08	27,293.83	61.52%
Salaries	28,560.46	146,848.04	241,195.08	60.88%
Supplies - Office	1,705.97	6,136.54	9,000.00	68.18%
Travel/Training	2,411.54	12,111.27	17,000.00	71.24%
Unemployment	2.09	53.34	56.00	95.25%
Utilities/Phonel/Trash	1,167.14	10,177.29	15,400.00	66.09%

General Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Annual Budget Jan 2026 Dec 2026	Jan 2026 Dec 2026 Percent of Budget
Workers' Comp	0.00	178.75	1,930.00	9.26%
Administrative Totals	\$47,020.46	\$284,708.37	\$551,118.03	
Building Inspector				
Dues/Licenses	0.00	25.00	125.00	20.00%
Other Services	0.00	0.00	300.00	
Payroll Taxes	284.32	1,531.24	2,493.90	61.40%
Salaries	3,716.65	20,016.55	32,600.00	61.40%
Supplies/ Materials	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Travel/Training	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Unemployment	1.80	27.98	28.00	99.93%
Workers' Comp	0.00	325.95	352.00	92.60%
Building Inspector Totals	\$4,002.77	\$21,926.72	\$36,398.90	
Code Enforcement				
Fuel	0.00	0.00	400.00	
Payroll Taxes	100.41	219.76	963.90	22.80%
Salaries	1,312.50	2,872.50	12,600.00	22.80%
Supplies/ Materials	671.48	2,793.28	2,500.00	111.73%
Unemployment	0.00	3.12	14.00	22.29%
Workers' Comp	0.00	125.95	136.00	92.61%
Code Enforcement Totals	\$2,084.39	\$6,014.61	\$16,613.90	
Court Department				
Dues/Licenses	0.00	150.00	350.00	42.86%
Insurance - Health	819.36	5,770.84	9,852.32	58.57%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00	
Other Services	833.33	5,833.31	11,500.00	50.72%
Payroll Taxes	796.98	4,249.43	7,250.14	58.61%
Retirement - APERS	1,550.25	14,677.50	13,330.40	110.11%
Salaries	10,447.33	55,607.18	94,773.08	58.67%
Supplies - Office	4.14	1,000.28	3,000.00	33.34%
Travel/Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Unemployment	0.02	29.13	43.52	66.93%
Utilities/Phonel/Trash	124.77	873.79	3,200.00	27.31%
Workers' Comp	0.00	67.61	729.00	9.27%
Court Department Totals	\$14,576.18	\$88,259.07	\$145,228.46	
Economic Development				
Advertising	335.00	1,767.60	6,000.00	29.46%
Community Agreements	0.00	4,000.00	9,000.00	44.44%
Dues/Licenses	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Economic Development	3,475.75	5,183.98	15,000.00	34.56%
Payroll Taxes	255.00	1,530.00	3,442.50	44.44%
Salaries	3,333.33	19,999.98	50,000.00	40.00%
Supplies - Office	0.00	546.14	1,500.00	36.41%
Travel/Training	0.00	100.00	2,000.00	5.00%
Unemployment	0.00	13.34	14.00	95.29%
Workers' Comp	0.00	29.68	320.00	9.28%
Economic Development Totals	\$7,399.08	\$33,170.72	\$88,276.50	
Fire Department				
Dues/Licenses	809.99	1,251.97	1,000.00	125.20%
Equipment	3,556.94	47,019.32	45,000.00	104.49%
Equipment - Office	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Fuel	2,609.24	7,705.82	12,000.00	64.22%

General Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Annual Budget Jan 2026 Dec 2026	Jan 2026 Dec 2026 Percent of Budget
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	4,049.42	3,931.47	103.00%
Insurance - Health	819.36	5,770.84	9,772.32	59.05%
Insurance - Vehicles	0.00	0.00	13,042.70	
Land/Buildings	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	167.50	1,000.00	16.75%
Other Services	0.00	4,260.00	10,077.47	42.27%
Payroll Taxes	220.87	1,184.00	9,192.46	12.88%
Repairs & Maint. - Bldgs.	747.00	6,575.54	6,000.00	109.59%
Repairs & Maint. - Veh/Equip	1,994.23	51,080.53	47,709.46	107.07%
Salaries	15,463.05	82,708.68	168,790.38	49.00%
Supplies - Office	0.00	926.38	1,200.00	77.20%
Supplies - Uniforms	481.10	1,554.12	3,500.00	44.40%
Supplies/ Materials	2,254.61	5,205.63	8,000.00	65.07%
Travel/Training	4,502.79	16,927.77	23,000.00	73.60%
Unemployment	2.28	52.96	162.00	32.69%
Utilities/Phonel/Trash	1,084.57	11,088.69	23,000.00	48.21%
Vehicles	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	
Workers' Comp	0.00	2,033.53	2,078.00	97.86%
Fire Department Totals	\$34,546.03	\$249,562.70	\$539,456.26	
Police Dept				
Advertising	0.00	167.50	400.00	41.88%
Dispatching Service	8,750.00	17,500.00	35,000.00	50.00%
Dues/Licenses	0.00	125.00	305.00	40.98%
Equipment	3,397.30	18,036.45	60,000.00	30.06%
Fuel	5,263.49	27,795.98	40,000.00	69.49%
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	5,400.15	5,633.69	95.85%
Insurance - Health	5,520.75	39,192.96	73,372.40	53.42%
Insurance - Vehicles	0.00	2,158.95	3,756.68	57.47%
Miscellaneous Expense	186.48	1,005.43	3,000.00	33.51%
Other Services	6,467.24	36,230.97	64,584.00	56.10%
Payroll Taxes	7,060.49	36,270.07	60,784.49	59.67%
Police Pensions	0.00	81,891.30	110,723.35	73.96%
Repairs & Maint. - Bldgs.	400.00	492.79	6,000.00	8.21%
Repairs & Maint. - Veh/Equip	104.70	41,785.19	30,000.00	139.28%
Retirement - APERS	1,463.29	8,130.08	13,563.11	59.94%
Salaries	92,293.23	474,117.13	794,568.52	59.67%
Supplies - Office	367.62	596.83	6,500.00	9.18%
Supplies - Uniforms	82.47	5,531.00	9,000.00	61.46%
Supplies/ Materials	1,100.10	2,372.55	4,500.00	52.72%
Travel/Training	3,662.45	7,535.41	10,000.00	75.35%
Unemployment	(0.01)	210.54	218.00	96.58%
Utilities/Phonel/Trash	691.40	8,901.17	17,000.00	52.36%
Vehicles	0.00	75,000.00	130,000.00	57.69%
Workers' Comp	0.00	9,068.38	9,722.00	93.28%
Police Dept Totals	\$136,811.00	\$899,515.83	\$1,488,631.24	
Street Department				
Insurance - Health	2,458.08	16,885.18	31,840.04	53.03%
Payroll Taxes	2,557.88	16,273.13	26,027.40	62.52%
Retirement - APERS	5,136.24	30,093.09	49,022.97	61.39%
Salaries	33,576.43	213,712.35	340,227.68	62.81%
Unemployment	(0.01)	97.98	110.00	89.07%
Street Department Totals	\$43,728.62	\$277,061.73	\$447,228.09	
Expenses	\$291,242.21	\$1,861,293.43	\$3,312,951.38	

General Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Annual Budget Jan 2026 Dec 2026	Jan 2026 Dec 2026 Percent of Budget
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$12,688.41	(\$15,224.78)	(\$380,864.36)	
Other Expenses				
Administrative				
Transfer To Airport	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	
Transfer To Park	0.00	76,781.96	70,000.00	109.69%
Administrative Totals	\$0.00	\$76,781.96	\$76,500.00	
Unallocated				
Account Cleanup	0.00	(132.41)	0.00	
Unallocated Totals	\$0.00	(\$132.41)	\$0.00	
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$76,649.55	\$76,500.00	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$12,688.41	(\$91,874.33)	(\$457,364.36)	
Fund Balances				
Beginning Fund Balance	3,397,067.94	3,501,630.68	0.00	
Net Change in Fund Balance	12,688.41	(91,874.33)	(457,364.36)	
Ending Fund Balance	3,409,756.35	3,409,756.35	0.00	

Street Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Annual Budget Jan 2026 Dec 2026	Jan 2026 Dec 2026 Percent of Budget
Revenue & Expenditures				
Revenue				
Grants/Donations	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	
Interest Income	1,040.23	6,549.68	10,000.00	65.50%
Misc Income	0.00	6,690.14	0.00	
Municipal Aid	21,131.15	140,221.53	240,000.00	58.43%
Property Tax Assessment	3,295.55	34,944.50	60,000.00	58.24%
Revenue	\$25,466.93	\$188,405.85	\$380,000.00	
Gross Profit	\$25,466.93	\$188,405.85	\$380,000.00	
Expenses				
Equipment	0.00	11,463.44	35,000.00	32.75%
Fuel	1,470.66	8,618.16	26,000.00	33.15%
Grant Projects	0.00	0.00	79,000.00	
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	1,101.93	1,715.81	64.22%
Insurance - Vehicles	0.00	0.00	4,315.92	
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	454.75	1,000.00	45.48%
Other Services	403.88	5,008.53	10,000.00	50.09%
Repairs & Maint - Street Proj.	1,353.10	32,989.08	250,000.00	13.20%
Repairs & Maint. - Bldgs.	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	
Repairs & Maint. - Veh/Equip	4,879.21	19,008.58	21,000.00	90.52%
Supplies - Uniforms	0.00	952.04	4,500.00	21.16%
Supplies/ Materials	330.06	13,411.37	24,000.00	55.88%
Utilities/Phone/Trash	3,653.47	25,385.54	42,000.00	60.44%
Vehicles	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.00%
Workers' Comp	0.00	7,228.47	7,631.00	94.73%
Expenses	\$37,090.38	\$150,621.89	\$532,662.73	
Revenue Less Expenditures	(\$11,623.45)	\$37,783.96	(\$152,662.73)	
Other Expenses				
Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$11,623.45)	\$37,783.96	(\$158,662.73)	
Fund Balances				
Beginning Fund Balance	472,002.56	422,595.15	0.00	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(11,623.45)	37,783.96	(158,662.73)	
Ending Fund Balance	460,379.11	460,379.11	0.00	

Airport Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
City Sales Tax	36.99	186.77
County Sales Tax	130.42	651.75
Interest Income	212.08	1,341.34
Rental Income	8,595.00	38,277.00
Sale Of Material	4,562.38	24,073.82
Revenue	\$13,536.87	\$64,530.68
Gross Profit	\$13,536.87	\$64,530.68
Expenses		
Fuel	0.00	12,002.13
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	7,635.78
Labor - Contract	2,164.50	3,607.50
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	4,881.03
Sales Tax	420.00	2,039.00
Supplies/ Materials	0.00	264.67
Utilities/Phonel/Trash	1,846.04	4,350.16
Expenses	\$4,430.54	\$34,780.27
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$9,106.33	\$29,750.41
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$9,106.33	\$29,750.41
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	95,980.66	75,336.58
Net Change in Fund Balance	9,106.33	29,750.41
Ending Fund Balance	105,086.99	105,086.99

Admin of Justice Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Fines Income	11,485.19	89,293.90
Interest Income	240.50	1,282.70
Revenue	\$11,725.69	\$90,576.60
Gross Profit	\$11,725.69	\$90,576.60
Expenses		
County Fees & Costs	0.00	2,290.69
State Fees & Costs	3,695.22	31,465.37
Expenses	\$3,695.22	\$33,756.06
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$8,030.47	\$56,820.54
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$8,030.47	\$56,820.54
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	107,681.53	58,891.46
Net Change in Fund Balance	8,030.47	56,820.54
Ending Fund Balance	115,712.00	115,712.00

Court Automation Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Fines Income	2,307.50	14,699.50
Interest Income	100.41	644.73
Revenue	\$2,407.91	\$15,344.23
Gross Profit	\$2,407.91	\$15,344.23
Expenses		
Equipment - Office	895.24	7,718.98
Supplies - Office	749.04	1,561.63
Utilities/Phone/Trash	73.29	513.45
Expenses	\$1,717.57	\$9,794.06
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$690.34	\$5,550.17
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$690.34	\$5,550.17
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	46,046.17	41,186.34
Net Change in Fund Balance	690.34	5,550.17
Ending Fund Balance	46,736.51	46,736.51

General Fund Reserve

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	1.20	8.15
Revenue	\$1.20	\$8.15
Gross Profit	\$1.20	\$8.15
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$1.20	\$8.15
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1.20	\$8.15
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	564.48	557.53
Net Change in Fund Balance	1.20	8.15
Ending Fund Balance	565.68	565.68

Fire Dept Act 833 Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	40.09	500.29
Revenue	\$40.09	\$500.29
Gross Profit	\$40.09	\$500.29
Expenses		
Equipment	1,854.21	21,323.83
Repairs & Maint. - Veh/Equip	0.00	111.00
Expenses	\$1,854.21	\$21,434.83
Revenue Less Expenditures	(\$1,814.12)	(\$20,934.54)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$1,814.12)	(\$20,934.54)
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	19,911.03	39,031.45
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,814.12)	(20,934.54)
Ending Fund Balance	18,096.91	18,096.91

Huntsville City Parks Fund

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	128.37	437.19
League Fees	5,610.00	13,330.00
Misc Income	60.00	1,600.00
Transfer In	0.00	76,781.96
Revenue	\$5,798.37	\$92,149.15
Gross Profit	\$5,798.37	\$92,149.15
Expenses		
Improvements	0.00	10,195.55
Insurance - Buildings	0.00	2,419.39
Labor - Contract	0.00	2,500.00
Labor- League	3,200.00	10,076.00
League Expense	0.00	600.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	813.59
Other Services	0.00	2,356.42
Repairs & Maint. - Bldgs.	850.00	7,440.62
Supplies/ Materials	1,071.33	3,759.82
Utilities/Phone/Trash	5,615.98	12,621.02
Expenses	\$10,737.31	\$52,782.41
Revenue Less Expenditures	(\$4,938.94)	\$39,366.74
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$4,938.94)	\$39,366.74
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	62,530.69	18,225.01
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,938.94)	39,366.74
Ending Fund Balance	57,591.75	57,591.75

LOPFI Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	325.18	2,219.82
Property Tax Assessment	1,097.74	11,638.43
Revenue	\$1,422.92	\$13,858.25
Gross Profit	\$1,422.92	\$13,858.25
Expenses		
Firemen's Pensions	156.00	14,224.93
Police Pensions	0.00	110.50
Expenses	\$156.00	\$14,335.43
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$1,266.92	(\$477.18)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,266.92	(\$477.18)
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	152,874.45	154,618.55
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,266.92	(477.18)
Ending Fund Balance	154,141.37	154,141.37

Police Act 988 of 91' Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Fines Income	1,249.50	8,813.37
Interest Income	27.76	178.18
Revenue	\$1,277.26	\$8,991.55
Gross Profit	\$1,277.26	\$8,991.55
Expenses		
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	8,645.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$8,645.00
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$1,277.26	\$346.55
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,277.26	\$346.55
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	12,308.04	13,238.75
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,277.26	346.55
Ending Fund Balance	13,585.30	13,585.30

Police Special Projects Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	19.38	134.03
Misc Income	596.00	3,596.00
Revenue	\$615.38	\$3,730.03
Gross Profit	\$615.38	\$3,730.03
Expenses		
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	1,330.58
Supplies/ Materials	552.81	1,399.60
Expenses	\$552.81	\$2,730.18
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$62.57	\$999.85
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$62.57	\$999.85
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	9,258.21	8,320.93
Net Change in Fund Balance	62.57	999.85
Ending Fund Balance	9,320.78	9,320.78

Prisoner Act 1188 Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Fines Income	1,367.50	10,842.54
Interest Income	64.55	388.43
Revenue	\$1,432.05	\$11,230.97
Gross Profit	\$1,432.05	\$11,230.97
Expenses		
Other Services	0.00	2,790.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,790.00
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$1,432.05	\$8,440.97
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,432.05	\$8,440.97
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	29,564.81	22,555.89
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,432.05	8,440.97
Ending Fund Balance	30,996.86	30,996.86

2022 Water Tank Simmons Bond Construction Fund
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	0.00	271.47
Revenue	\$0.00	\$271.47
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$271.47
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$0.00	\$271.47
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$271.47
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	219,132.50	218,861.03
Net Change in Fund Balance	0.00	271.47
Ending Fund Balance	219,132.50	219,132.50

2025 Water & Sewer Revenue Bond
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period Jul 2026 Jul 2026 Actual	Year-To-Date Jan 2026 Jul 2026 Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	0.00	48,806.24
Revenue	\$0.00	\$48,806.24
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$48,806.24
Expenses		
Bank Service Charge	179.34	1,421.52
Other Services	467,011.69	1,869,682.39
Expenses	\$467,191.03	\$1,871,103.91
Revenue Less Expenditures	(\$467,191.03)	(\$1,822,297.67)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$467,191.03)	(\$1,822,297.67)
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	5,659,847.12	7,014,953.76
Net Change in Fund Balance	(467,191.03)	(1,822,297.67)
Ending Fund Balance	5,192,656.09	5,192,656.09

Wastewater Facility Huntsville

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	Current Period	Year-To-Date
	Jul 2026	Jan 2026
	Jul 2026	Jul 2026
	Actual	Actual
Revenue & Expenditures		
Revenue		
Interest Income	0.47	3.19
Revenue	\$0.47	\$3.19
Gross Profit	\$0.47	\$3.19
Revenue Less Expenditures	\$0.47	\$3.19
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$0.47	\$3.19
Fund Balances		
Beginning Fund Balance	220.61	217.89
Net Change in Fund Balance	0.47	3.19
Ending Fund Balance	221.08	221.08



Public Works Department Monthly Report

July 2026

Completed Projects
1) Cutting brush back on streets.
2) Speed bumps.
3) Culverts on Cedar Heights.
4) Work on ditches at Cedar Bluff.
5) Mow and weed eat.

Ongoing Projects

Huntsville Water Utilities Monthly Report

Reporting Period:	June 15, 2026 - July 15, 2026				
	Current Month	Previous Month Comparison		Same Month, 1 Year Ago	
Active Accounts	1,476	Up	2	Up	48
In City Residential	1,092	Up	2	Up	35
Gallons Purchased	47,960,486	Down	707,734	Up	1,547,648
Gallons Sold	45,690,180	Up	4,432,170	Up	3,249,620
Gal. Wastewater	49,080,000	Up	2,230,000	Up	5,410,000
Number of Leaks	6	Up	3	Up	2
Leak Man Hours	27	Down	45	Down	27
Water Loss %	5%	Down	10%	Down	3%
Service Orders	154	Down	6	Up	46
Line Locates	31	Down	4	Down	23

	Year to Date	Previous Year Comparison	
Gallons Purchased	312,526,285	Up	39,850,425
Gallons Sold	280,391,130	Up	27,471,370
Gal. Wastewater	292,700,000	Down	16,356,000
Number of Leaks	29	Down	4
Leak Man Hours	293.5	Up	28
Water Loss %	12%	Up	3%
Service Orders	983	Up	273
Line Locates	195	Down	41

HUNTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Report of July 2026 Events

- We currently have 23 active members on our roster.
 - Two full-time.
 - Twenty-one volunteers.
- During our training in July, we trained on water delivery operations.
- 26% of our calls so far this year are outside the city limits.
- I still suggest that we raise our fire dues for our fire district from \$35 to at least \$60 a year to compensate our budget for our response. That does not include our mutual aid responses to other districts.
- There remains a crisis in the county with the lack of available manpower and adequate equipment for our rural fire departments, especially during the day. We had to respond to a structure fire in the Pettigrew area. Pettigrew, St Paul, Witter-Aurora, Kingston and Japton were all paged and we ended up being first on scene with no one from Kingston or Pettigrew ever responding. Witter-Aurora sent two people in a car and St Paul sent a tanker with two people and Japton sent a tanker with one person.
 - This is not just a crisis for the rest of the county; it is a major concern for us. The structure fires on West Street; Airport Road and the Walker Tire Shop are recent examples of incidents that overwhelmed our department's resources.
 - When the square catches fire again or one of our apartments, we will definitely need all the help we can get. Unfortunately, the trend among volunteer fire departments is not going in a positive direction.
 - If the state follows through next year with the proposal to make any department that is not at least a Class 8 rating ineligible for Act 833 funds, several of our departments in the county will be closed. At some point, I believe the county is going to have to take steps to support the rural fire protection needs or else many areas in the county will be threatened with the inability to purchase homeowners' insurance because they do not have a fire department that meets the minimum standards.
 - Because of this, I believe that it is essential for us to continue to train our firefighters as much as possible and to provide them with the appropriate equipment and apparatus necessary to meet the challenges ahead.
 - That includes a ladder truck.
- The contract for the training center has been signed by the mayor, and the company is ready to sit down with us to finalize our design as soon as they receive our first payment.
- We are still struggling to get the finance company satisfied completing the purchase of the training center. The mayor will have more information.
- We are continuing to experience issues with maintenance and repair of our apparatus fleet. Currently trying to get the rescue truck repaired.
- We also continue to have problems with a few businesses and false alarms sounding at night.
 - The more times we have a false alarm at 3AM, the more our volunteers ignore it and go back to sleep. It is an understandable Chicken Little reaction from them, but it certainly can be a problem if/when it turns out to be a real problem.

January- July 2026	EMS CALLS	%	MVA	%	FIRE CALLS	%	SPECIAL DUTY	%	Inspection/ Preplans	Public Service/ Education	Training	Total Events
	280	75%	18	5%	57	15%	20	5%	28	13	19	435



City of Huntsville
Economic Development & Tourism
Commission Monthly Report
July 2026

Strategic Planning & Economic Development

- **Comprehensive Plan:** Community survey completed (180 responses). NWARPC presented preliminary findings to the Infrastructure Committee on July 28, discussion of focus group categories and representative selection. Coordinating with NWARPC to facilitate focus groups; town hall meetings will follow.
- **Business Engagement:** Presented the 2026 America 250th Business Decorating Winner Plaque and Storefront Mini Grant to Olive & Magdalene Company.

Community Engagement & Communications

- **Eureka Magazine Advertising:** EDTC reviewed a discounted 12-month contract including two full-page ads (Sept/Oct), a \$500 discount for Cruz n' the Square and Crossroads Lore & Legend promotions, and 12 full-page ads in 2027. Funds are available for the 2027 placements.
- **Kiwanis Meeting (July 30):** Attended the meeting and met with speaker Sarah Livengood, Executive Director of Arkansas Community Foundation – Fayetteville Area.
- **Water Department Website:** Assisted with onboarding to the Apptegy platform; site buildout underway with a projected September launch.

Workforce Development & Student Engagement

- **HHS Business Management Partnership:** Teacher Wes May requested that his students plan and manage Lighting on the Square (Nov. 21). EDTC approved using Community Sponsorship funds for a student-led event budget. Student proposals will be presented in September.
- **Huntsville Youth Council:** Updated the application, verified the process with school administration, and updated the city website. Applications open August 7–21.

Event Planning & 250 Celebration

- **Event Planner Role:** Commission affirmed the value of a dedicated event planner and expressed appreciation for Lillian Samuels' work.
- **America 250 Debrief:** Reviewed June 14 and July 4 events. Improvement areas include increased advertising, more frequent social media posting, paid promotion, and shifting start time to 7 PM to align with fireworks.
- **Event Safety:** Discussed creating a safer pedestrian zone at Mitchusson Park by blocking the roadway between the restrooms/grass area and playgrounds during large events.
- **Back to School Tailgate:** Met with Huntsville School Administration, TD Booster Club, and MCHC to plan the August 7 community tailgate.
- **Crossroads Lore & Legends Festival:** EDTC expressed strong support for the October 23 "Haints in the Hollows" Downtown Paranormal Investigation event, including business-hosted investigations, extended hours, storytelling, treasure hunts, passport visits, and a film premiere at the Basham Building. EDTC will sponsor the event.

Planning Commission Report

*City of Huntsville August 2026
(for July 2026 items)*

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

Planning we strive to be a proactive department that establishes goals and policies for directing and managing future growth and development. We address fundamental issues such as the location of growth, housing needs, and environmental protection.

APPROVED: COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL PERMITS/ ZONE CHANGE

1. Sign Code amendments presented to City Council
2. Sign Permit 683 N Parrott
3. 1326 W Main Building Permit- Remodel
4. 298 LaVona Building Permit
5. Lot 29 Building Permit (Highland Park Subdivision)
6. Lot 28 Building Permit (Highland Park Subdivision)
7. TBD Hwy 412B Building Permit
8. 1019 Edgewood Pl Building Permit

PROJECTS

Discussion side set back for zones R4 and R5

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Carmen Watkins

From: Code Enforcement
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Carmen Watkins
Subject: Monthly report

We left a notice on 1348 W. Main for tallgrass gave a seven day notice

We left a notice on 203 N. view tallgrass seven day notice

We left a notice on 205 Northview tallgrass seven day notice she replied back she would haven't mowed by the following Wednesday

We went by 917 Gaskill left a notice for trash and mow yard

We left a notice on 208 S. Gaskill structure had some holes in the floor. There was some doors that unable to open from the inside because of padlocks on the outside and illegal plumbing for washing machine to sewer line gave them a 30 day notice to correct

Left a notice on 705 Lynnwood mow the yard and clean up

Left a notice on 501 Lakeview trash in the yard and tall grass gave them 14 days to clean up left the notice on 7/2/26

Carl Stewart code enforcement
479-325-8483

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Huntsville Water Utilities Commission Meeting

July 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Huntsville Water and Sewer Commission was held at the Huntsville Water Utilities office.

Call to Order

- At 4:00, Chairman Brashears called the meeting to order. All members were present. Shannon Jones represented McClelland Engineering.

Approval of Minutes

- Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion was approved.

Approval of Agenda

- Commissioner Rogers made a motion to accept the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ford. The motion was approved.

Special Business

- Mr. Davis reported that Abacus had requested additional time to finalize the 2025 audit. He planned to be able to present the final audit in August.

Old Business

- Mr. Davis updated the Commission on the status of the properties for sale.
 - He reported that Judge Garrett had the paperwork underway to purchase the old office but that the City would be deeding the property to the County instead of buying the building from the utility prior to the sale, if the Commission was amiable. The Commission agreed to the change.
 - He reported that he had received an appraisal on the Cherry Lane lot. The appraised value was \$157,000.00. Mr. Davis was instructed to follow up with Ms. Sharp to see if she was still interested and to report back to the Commission at the August meeting.
- Mr. Davis presented Work Order 12 from McClelland Engineering. The work order quoted design work for the installation of an air scrubber for the dryer would cost \$123,500.00. Commissioner Roden made a motion to accept Work Order 12, seconded by Commissioner Rogers. The motion was approved. After approval, it was discussed that the scrubber equipment could possibly be installed in early 2027 near the end of the ongoing upgrade.
- Mr. Davis presented Work Order 13 from McClelland Engineering. The work order quoted design for a water storage tank on the airport property and a booster station on Highway 74. The total cost of design listed was \$345,500.00. Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve Work Order 13 pending acceptance from Mayor Dotson and/or City Council, seconded by Commissioner Scott. The motion was approved.

New Business

- Mr. Davis presented a financial report for the second quarter of 2026.
- Mr. Davis presented revisions to the 2026 budget. The revisions included 19 adjustments to revenue and expense categories, improving the end of year net projection for the utility by \$158,597.97. Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2026 budget, seconded by Commissioner Roden. The motion was approved.
- Mr. Rudolph presented the Commission with bids to replace the current Bobcat excavator with two new Hitachi excavators, one larger than the Bobcat and one smaller. The total cost of the two Hitachi excavators was quoted at \$89,000.00, compared to \$85,608.22 for a single Bobcat or \$88,170.68 for a single Cat of similar size. Commissioner Roden made a motion to approve the purchase of the Hitachi equipment, seconded by Commissioner Ford. The motion was approved.
- Mr. Davis shared electrical costs for recent months and detailed both the savings and the expected invoice related to the newly operational solar array. He added that Mayor Dotson had addressed City Council about the solar program and would be gathering more information soon. No action was taken.

Other Business

- Mr. Davis reported that he was still awaiting the rate study results from Arkansas Rural Water Association.
- Mr. Eoff presented photos of the wastewater plant upgrade progress.

Adjournment

- Commissioner Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rogers. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.



City of Huntsville
Economic Development & Tourism
Commission Minutes
July 20, 2026
City Hall Conference Room

Special Presentation – The EDTC members met at the Olive and Magdalene Company to present the 2026 America 250th Business Decorating Winner plaque and Storefront Mini Grant to Brandi Solorzano. O&M Company were voted “Best Decorated” by Facebook users in the contest running June 14th to July 3rd.

1. Call to Order – Quorum established with Matt Smith, Jarred Rogers, David Pemberton, and Shelia Willcutt present. EDTC Director, Brandi Holt and Event Planner, Lillian Samuels were also present.

2. Director Report –

Director Holt reported on an advertising opportunity with Eureka Magazine, which is placed in all Arkansas Welcome Centers, hotels, and businesses in Carroll County. Full-page ads are discounted to \$250 each (regularly \$1,100) with a 12-month contract totaling \$3,000. The EDTC has funds available to purchase the 2027 contract.

Holt also reported that the Comprehensive Plan survey has been completed, and NWARPC is preparing a summary report. Next steps may include focus groups and a town hall meeting.

3. Old Business –

- a. Debrief Event Planner Position and 250 Events –

Highlights included participation from Girl Scouts and Middle School students on June 14, veterans attending without needing to conduct the ceremony, community-submitted videos, and the business decorating contest.

Suggestions for improving attendance included increased advertising, more frequent social media posts, a budget for paid promotion, and shifting the start time from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to align more closely with fireworks.

To improve safety at Mitchusson Park, members discussed blocking the roadway between the grass area/restrooms and the playgrounds to create a safer walking zone for families.

The committee agreed that having an event planner dedicated to specific events was a major success. Appreciation was expressed for Lillian’s outstanding work.



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4. New Business

a. Budget Update –

The EDTC reviewed current balances: advertising (\$3000), economic development (\$9800), and community agreements and sponsorships (\$4000).

b. Lighting of the Square and HHS Business Management Class –

Wes May, Business Management teacher has asked the city to consider allowing his class to plan and manage the events around Lighting on The Square, Friday, November 21st. The EDTC will use Community Sponsorship/Agreement funds to provide a budget. Students will bring ideas and budget needs to the EDTC for consideration in September.

5. Open Discussion – Brandi Solorzano’s idea for October event hosted in downtown with business owners participating in a paranormal investigation of their buildings. The findings would be compiled into a film to be premiered that evening at the Basham Building. Other activities could include a passport visit, treasure hunts, and storytelling. She is interested in the businesses decorating and staying open later that evening. The

EDTC expressed strong support and will sponsor the event using EDTC funds. Brandi is preparing an outline of activities and a budget. The event is schedule for Friday, October 23.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting – Monday, August 17th at 1pm



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7/27/2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission came to order at 6.00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners and Director Thomas and were present. City Engineer Presley was absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES LAST MEETING

Commissioner Malloy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Yates seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

New Business

Terry Presley attended the ad hoc on July 22. He wants the Commission to consider changing the current setbacks in R4 and R5 10' on 1 side and 15' on the other to 10' on both sides. The Commission is considering the change. Director Thomas presented Zoning information from Farmington and Cave Springs.

Farmington

Our R4 lot size 8000 width at the building line 80' 10/15 side set backs

Our R5 lot size 7000 width at the building line 70' 10/15 side set backs

Cave Springs

R2 lot size 7500 width at building line 75 side set backs 10'

R0 lot size 7500 width at the building line 100 side set backs 10'

R5 6500-7000 lot width 65'-70' side set backs 7'(1 story) 15'(interior set back)

Minimum corner lot side set back 25'

There was also some discussion of a zero lot line zone.

The discussion will continue at July 29 ad hoc.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Yates moved to adjourn and Commissioner Davis seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at about 6:20

Secretary MacLean

2023 Planning and Board of Zoning Adjustments Commissioners

Brad Willis
Charles Cogger

Jim MacLean
Kenny Malloy
Sean Davis

Jason Yates
Stephen Ford

An **interior side setback** is the minimum required distance between a side property line that is shared with a neighbor (not facing a public street) and the nearest wall or structure of a building. [1]

Purpose and Rules

- **Fire safety:** Keeps buildings far apart so fire cannot easily jump to the next house.
- **Space and light:** Leaves room for air, sunlight, and privacy between neighbors.
- **Distance size:** Usually ranges from 5 to 10 feet in most residential areas, depending on local zoning laws.
- **Measurement:** Measured from the side property line directly to the closest part of the house, like a wall or roof overhang. [1, 2, 3, 4]

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July 28th

Meeting called to order at 6:00, adjourned at 7:30

Present: Rogers, Shinn, Roden, Lacey, Holt, Davis, Robinson, Ford

Strategy: Identify city, county, and Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) stakeholders to form a committee to receive and discuss concerns and complaints submitted through the city website about road use, flooding concerns, maintenance, and safety concerns. Establish strategic plans for future infrastructure development to meet the needs, ensure safety, and mitigate hazards of a growing and changing population.

Presentation with Madison Kienzle w/ NWA Regional Planning Commission:

- **Has been helping Huntsville update Comprehensive Plan**
 - Will develop Land Use Plan and Master Street Plan
- **Case Study of Street Design:**
 - Check out West Jefferson, North Carolina's story, p. 17-21.
https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/media/2026/07/SGA-Complete-Streets-Stronger-Economies_Web.pdf
- **Survey - 180 responses**
 - Infrastructure the public probably defines it as "water, sewer, and roads"
 - Discussed how the results of the first few slides appear contradictory
 - Respondents loved the small town feel and quiet peaceful, but also wanted more retail options and improved infrastructure
 - Results of two map questions were identical
 - Respondents indicated the exact same locations for both new commercial development and new neighborhoods
 - Would you support a dedicated revenue used exclusively to improve parks, trails, recreation facilities, or a Recreation and Activity Center
 - No = 70, Yes = 78ish, Unsure = 30ish
 - Strong response to "enough job opportunities in Huntsville"? No
- Conversation around sharing the results with the city and drumming up interest with the focus groups
 - How to market the results of the survey to get the word out?
 - We need some TikTok/Facebook videos for our city!
- Housing needs to be the focus so that we can attract industry and vice versa
 - Multiple areas feeding this one issue
 - Need housing so that we can attract industry so that we can attract retail which also requires infrastructure such as water and sewer
- The Huntsville School District was indicated as a negative in the results
 - We appreciate our school rep on our committee, but we also need to get decision-makers from the school present at some meetings

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- Our initial water/sewer system was put in during the 50s and 60s and recent upgrades have had to be significant to bring it up to modern standards and expand out due to recent growth
- 1st group should include Stakeholder for policy
 - ARDOT, County leaders, City Departments, large land owners, major industry owners, etc.
 - Rodeo Board?
- 2nd group include community members
 - Seniors, youth, local organizations such as Kiwanis and Masonic Lodge, veterans, school leaders, small business owners, etc.
- NWA Regional Planning will hopefully be facilitating the focus groups
 - We recommend the two main groups - macro group and micro group and then breakdown
 - Keeping in mind that we need to ensure that demographically we are representing as many groups as possible
 - Need to consider our definitions of small-town feel
 - Harrison and Berryville are larger than us and have managed to keep their small-town feel

Flood Plain Map - need FEMA to give us the semi-completed map they had been working on

- The link doesn't work, but there may be data somewhere saved that we can get someone to share with us

Potential Discussion Topics Suggested for subsequent meetings :

- **Dotson development** - The Dotson St. property purchased by the City a few months ago could be discussed. The committee could develop recommendations related to zoning, overall development plans, and address the impact of additional residences on traffic and utilities in that area.
- **Industrial preparedness** - We periodically receive RFIs (Request for Information) concerning industries looking for a location. These RFIs typically request a large amount of data along with property offerings from the City. They also often give us less than a week to respond. It would be helpful if we identified locations in advance where the City would like these projects to land and prepared a package with as much information as possible to share.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-X

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE HUNTSVILLE ZONING CODE OF THE
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, residential and commercial construction continues to take place in the City of Huntsville, which requires updating the sign code, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville has recommended changes to the Huntsville Municipal Code, and as a result of the foregoing and other matters, the City Council of Huntsville, Arkansas has determined that the Code should be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Title 14, Chapter 14.16 Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 2: The following definition has been amended to Section 14.16.2 Definitions

Sign, Off-premise: A sign, that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located. These signs are limited to five (5) at a time.

SECTION 3: Section 14.16.6(f) Portable Signs Other Than Real Estate.

f) Portable signs other than Real Estate - The Planning Commission may issue a temporary permit for the placement of a portable sign on an individual commercial site for a period not to exceed 60 days in any 6-month period. Signs shall be constructed and a diagram enclosed to show anchorage to withstand minimal wind load. Electrical service for illuminated signs shall meet the provisions of the city electrical code. Unframe, non-permanent banners and feather banners are considered portable signs. There shall be a maximum limit of five (5) at a time.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE,
ARKANSAS, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

APPROVED _____
Mayor Travis Dotson

ATTEST _____
City Clerk Janice Smith

