

**HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 17, 2016**

Huntington City Council met in its regular scheduled council meeting February 17, 2016 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Hilary Gordon presiding.

Call to Order

Mayor Gordon asked that there be order kept and everyone that spoke to use the microphone and established the following were in attendance:

Mayor: Hilary Gordon  
Council: Mark Justice, Lamar Guymon, Joe Ward, Laneea Cowley, Leonard Norton  
Recorder: Jenene Hansen, Treasurer: Ronni Torre, Gary Arrington – PZ Administrator

**Also in attendance:** Bruce Twitchell, Ryan Rappleyea, Willard, Cleo Halliday, Teresa Halliday, Cathy Cowley, Mike Gordon, Bernell Halliday, Jared Haddock, Jim Gordon

Lamar Guymon extended a word to open the meeting and Leonard Norton led those present in the Pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item – 1- Approval of January 20, 2016 City Council minutes

**Motion.** Laneea Cowley moved to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes; motion seconded by Joe Ward and carried.

Agenda Item – 2 – Business License

None

Agenda Item – 3 – Donation for Emery High Rodeo Team

**MOTION.** Mark Justice moved to approve the donation of \$150.00 to the Emery High Rodeo Team; motion seconded by Leonard Norton and carried.

Agenda Item – 4 – Approval of Resolution 3-2016/Tippage fee

Mayor Hilary Gordon explained that there will be an increase of \$1.25 per garbage can starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is necessary because the County has imposed a tippage fee on all commercial businesses and that fee is passed to us which we have to pass on to our residence.

**MOTION.** Mark Justice moved to approve resolution 3-2016; motion seconded by Lamar Guymon and carried.

**ROLL CALL: MARK JUSTICE – AYE, LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LANEEA COWLEY – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE.**

**REGULAR ORDER INTERRUPTED**

Lamar Guymon reported that over the last ten years the Mammoth Marathons have done the little Grand Canyon marathon, half marathon and 10-k marathon. Huntington City Fire department and ambulance crew has helped with security and traffic control over the last seven or eight years and also helped with the Crandall marathon. Mammoth Marathons brings in people from all over the world, less than 25% of the people that come are local. We have had people from every country and every continent come here.

Jared Haddock and Ryan Repley from Mammoth Marathons presented the Fire Department with safety batons for controlling traffic and Lamar was given a vest and gift card.

Agenda Item – 5 – Discussion of City Building maintenance

Ronni reported that the windows have been done and the programmable thermostats have been installed. We are going to add another outlet on the outside of the city building and the thermostat at Town hall is completed. Chair and table racks are in the process of being made. We have budgeted \$15,000.00 for this project. To replace the lights in City Hall with LED lights it will cost about \$5000.00, then we will get a rebate from Rocky Mountain Power, that will bring us to \$14,965.00. We have budgeted to fix the plugs at the park concession stand. The painting and new carpet in city hall will be budgeted next year.

Agenda Item – 6 – Water and sewer rates on brown apartments

The owner of the brown apartments has contacted us about changing the ordinance on monthly water fees. Right now they pay for 32 water connections and 32 sewer connections, only 12 units are filled and their bill is approximately \$748.00. We are wondering if the ordinance should be redone changing apartments to follow along the line of trailer parks. Each building has a meter. Mark Justice said that he feels like the ordinance we have in place now is balanced. Gary pointed out that the city only gets enough money to pay special service district. In the long run we don't get better off by changing the ordinance.

**MOTION.** Lamar Guymon moved to deny the request; motion seconded by Mark Justice and carried.

Agenda Item – 7 – approval of Ordinance 1-2016 Huntington City's Water and Sewer Monthly service and connection fees

**DENIED**

Agenda Item – 8 – Miners Memorial

Joe Ward reported that he met with Lori Ann Larsen and they have decided to place the Miners monument at the cemetery park in line with the other monuments. we are going to try and have it done by June 22, 2016. There was some discussion about dedicating it during the Heritage Days celebration.

Agenda Item – 9 – Discussion and possible approval of Water Share Purchase

**Motion.** Joe Ward motions to offer \$450.00 per share; motion seconded by Mark Justice and carried.

Agenda Item – 10 – Public Hearing/Open the Huntington City 2015-2016 fiscal budget to make necessary adjustments for revenues and expenditures. Approval of Resolution 4-2016

**Motion.** Laneea Cowley moves to go into public hearing; motion seconded by Mark Justice and carried.

Ronni explained that the funds don't go out of the general fund it gets purchased out of the secondary fund so we would have to increase the secondary budget from \$43,000.00 to \$95,000.00 to purchase the water shares. If the sale does not go through there will be no change in the secondary budget. On capital project fund, because the interest allocation has been fixed in peloris, we have to increase the capital project fund to include the interest.

**Public comments.** Bernell Halliday says if the funding is there and someone wants to sell their shares it would probably be a good idea because of things shutting down in the area. **Robert Baker** asked why we are leasing shares of water. It was explained that years ago Lee McElprang told of the benefits of leasing water.

**Motion.** Laneea Cowley moves to go out of public hearing; motion seconded by Leonard Norton.

**Motion.** Mark Justice motioned to approve Resolution 4-2016 with the noted changes; motion seconded by Lamar Guymon and carried.

**ROLL CALL: MARK JUSTICE – AYE, LAMAR GUYMON – AYE, JOE WARD – AYE, LANEEA COWLEY – AYE, LEONARD NORTON – AYE.**

Agenda Item – 11 – Public Comments

Bernell Halliday said he agrees with not changing the ordinance for the apartments.

Agenda Item – 12 – Mayor’s Report

**Mayor Hilary Gordon** reported on the street lights being replaced with LED’s. We have a meeting scheduled in March up at the power plant concerning the speed on main street. Robert Dahl from UDOT called me and I mentioned the concern about the speed on main street. He asked if the city would partner with UDOT to get signs put up on main street. The cost is \$10,000.00 for two signs and I said that we would go in with \$5000.00. I’m hoping the signs will have flashing lights and they will be placed at the south and north end of Huntington. We had a Heritage Days meeting last month.

Agenda Item – 13 – Council’s Departmental Reports

**Leonard Norton** - Robert Baker went to the animal training in St. George. Leonard wants to be informed on all burns going on at the dumpsite, we have rules we need to follow. CERT training will be the last Tuesday in March.

**Laneea Cowley** - Youth City Council helped at the Valentine Carnival. They are working on the Easter egg hunt but have not set a date. I am working on beautification and getting ideas.

**Joe Ward** - The exercise equipment at the Fire Station has been fixed. Water problems at the cemetery and up at the river bed that need to be addressed.

**Lamar Guymon** - Ideas on Greens grove.

**Mark Justice** - Asked Mike to get the flashing speed light out and see if he can get it working. We need to work with the service district on the curbs and the drainage issues.

Agenda Item – 14 – Zoning Administrator Report

Gary explained that his job is to help residents plan for the future and help them stay in compliance with city ordinance. The last three weeks have been busy with planning, from new homes to modular homes and people wanting to do additions. There was also a discussion over who enforces the city ordinances.

Agenda Item – 15 – City Claims and Review of Financials

**MOTION.** Mark Justice moved to pay the bills; motion seconded by Leonard Norton and carried.

**UPON PROPER MOTION AND FULL APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.**

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Jenene Hansen  
Huntington City Recorder