

HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2021

Huntington City Council met in its regular scheduled council meeting July 21, 2021 at the city office building located at 20 South Main Street. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Leonard Norton presiding.

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

Mayor:	Leonard Norton
Council:	David Emery, Tom Kay, Jerry Livingston, Lesa Miller, Gloria Wilson
Recorder:	Jenene Hansen
Treasurer:	Ronni Torre
PZ Administrator:	Gary Arrington
Maintenance:	Robert Baker

Council member Livingston extended a word to open the meeting and Council member Emery led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes)

NONE

Agenda Item 2. MOTION: Approval of June 16, 2021 City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 3. MOTION: Business license

Council member Livingston recused himself on the Livingston Short Term Rental business license. **COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR LIVINGSTON SHORT TERM RENTALS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY AND CARRIED.**

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CONTINUOUS RESOURCES, LLC; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAY AND CARRIED.

Mayor Norton adjusted the agenda to allow Agenda Item 16. At this time.

Agenda Item 4. MOTION: Attentive approval of GovService/Host compliance

Commissioner Wilson told that GovService/Host compliance has passed through the commission and the cities will pay 40% and the County will pay 60%.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND GOVSERVICE/HOST COMPLIANCE; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 5. MOTION: Purchase of new copy machine

COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASING A NEW COPY MACHINE FROM OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,454.55; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON – AYE.

Agenda Item 6. MOTION: Approval of TRT and Sales Tax incentive for Buckhorn RV Resort

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY APPROVED A FOUR-YEAR TAX INCENTIVE OF 50% ON TRT AND SALES TAX FOR BUCKHORN RV RESORT; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY AND CARRIED.

Agenda Item 7. Commissioner Kent Wilson

Commissioner Wilson spoke to the council about the future of tourism as it relates to Huntington and Emery County. When Commissioners met with Elmo City, they found that Elmo does not want the County using funds to promote tourism. Elmo residents challenged the County Commissioners to ask other cities if they are for or against tourism. Commissioners want to know if Huntington City is pro Economic Development and pro Tourism or not. We want to figure out how we can get money out of tourists and how to identify where we want them to play. After questions and discussion, the Council agreed that we do need tourism. Affordable housing was also brought up. SEUAOG is looking to purchase four building lots in Emery County for affordable housing.

Agenda Item 8. MOTION: Approval to order Fire Department Equipment for CDBG grant

Recorder Jenene Hansen explained that according to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines, we are supposed to follow the city purchasing policy. A list showing the equipment to purchase and the costs was presented. The council was asked to approve the purchase of all items on the list instead of asking for approval on each individual item.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AS STATED ON THE LIST; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON – AYE.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion of possible agreement for IT services with Emery County

Mayor Norton said that this would be beneficial for the city. No dollar amount has been set yet but it will probably be about \$400. to \$500. per month for IT services with the county.

Agenda Item 10. Water restrictions-Discussion and possible motion

Mayor Norton reported that we will continue with the same water restrictions.

Agenda Item 11. Code Book Title 5, Chapter 2- Animal Control

Council member Miller suggested that on 5-2-11 where it says “his”, we change it to his, hers or theirs. **Council member Wilson** asked if we could add something about no dogs at city celebrations. Service animal issues were also discussed. This was tabled for more review.

Agenda Item 12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Norton thanked everyone for their help with Heritage Days and said that it was a great success. The sidewalk by JN Auto is being done and the cement at the Lions Park is being replaced and repaired. As approved by the budget the cost-of-living increase for some employees went into effect on the July first payroll. We have two bids for the sidewalk project on the South end of town, that will be on next month's agenda. We applied for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) grant and might apply for a state grant to match the ARPA. Council members were told to start looking at Halloween and Christmas ideas.

Agenda Item 13. Departmental Reports (Fire department, Maintenance department)

Maintenance Dept.: Robert Baker thanked Council members for their help taking down the tents after Heritage Days. Maintenance was done on the backhoe, sprinkler filters are getting plugged up, been working on drains and spreading gravel.

Agenda Item 14. Youth City Council report

NONE

Agenda Item 15. Council's Reports

Council member Livingston reported that he has been making a list of sidewalks that need to be fixed. The new street lights have been placed along the South West side of Mainstreet. Courtney Guymon received the letter on curb and gutter and it went well. Letters need to be sent to residents that have trees blocking the sidewalks. **Council member Wilson** reported that the audit committee met and approved the Fraud Risk Assessment report. The office is being ran well and we are where we want to be; we want the council to review the Fraud Risk Assessment. Rec. Board is hiring a part time custodian. Had a meeting with the beautification and park employees to discuss duties. **Council member Emery** reported on the lawn and sprinklers at the cemetery, there are currently no community service workers. There was a problem with the flowers and we think it is resolved. Waiting for bids for signs. **Council member Miller** reported the events happening at the Rodeo Grounds. There is a lead on getting some grand stands for more seating and fill dirt at the rodeo grounds. Got a new loading chute. The water truck is fixed. Jackie Weiing has said yes to Youth City Council. The left-over sandbags were donated to Cattleman's Association. **Council member Kay** reported that at the Fire Station they replaced the upstairs AC unit. Fire trucks are do for inspection and it will be done next week. Two more prospects for the volunteer fire department. Fireworks were good.

All Council members reported that Heritage Days was a success and thanked everyone for their help.

Agenda Item 16. Zoning Administrator Report

Zoning Administrator Gary Arrington reported that HB 82 allows internal accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in all single-family zones and will go into effect October 10th. If we want to put any regulations on internal accessory dwelling units it needs to be done by then. The other zone changes are HB 98 which states that you cannot regulate back yard land scaping and HB 409 having to do with roadway requirements. In Planning and Zoning on August 3rd we are having a public hearing on Accessory dwelling Units and changes in Residential zones.

Agenda Item 17. MOTION: City Claims and Review of Financials

Treasurer Ronni Torre reported that the 91 dodge and the 98 Dodge were both sold through the Public Surplus website. There is a fund raiser corn hole tournament next Saturday.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED TO PAY THE BILLS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER AND CARRIED. ROLL CALL VOTE: COUNCIL MEMBER EMERY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAY – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER – AYE, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON – AYE.

Agenda Item 18. Adjournment

**UPON PROPER MOTION AND FULL APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M**

Jenene Hansen,
Huntington City Recorder