

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 11, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Clayton Speed, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Hartselle, gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Virginia Alexander, Dwight Tankersley, Chuck Gill and Ken Doss. Mayor Randy Garrison, City Attorney Larry Madison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee who also acted as Secretary for the meeting, were present for the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1559, amendment to the Landscaping Ordinance, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained if adopted, it would revise the minimum landscaping requirements for projects requiring Planning Commission site plan approval (commercial, multi-family). The amendment provides for paved parking areas to be subtracted from the total “yard area” calculation for required planting, and on parcels of greater than two acres in size, would require only the disturbance area of the project to be considered for landscaping calculation purposes (currently, the entire tract is counted, often resulting in large numbers and variance requests). A minimum required planting area is provided for. Additionally, it would reduce the state minimum screening fence height from feet (an irregular height) to six feet. The Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0-1. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. No comments were made. Council Member Doss motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1559; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1563, rezoning Mountainview Road. Mr. Griffith explained this is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will rezone approximately 32 acres on Mountainview Road from R-1 to R-5. The current comprehensive plan does not show this change, but the proposed R-5 zoning maintains the single family detached residential use. The Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning 6-0-1. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1563; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Griffith to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1564, rezoning Lando Cain Road. Mr. Griffith explained this is for introduction only, and if adopted, would rezone approximately 31 acres on Lando Cain Road from B-4 to AG-1. The current comprehensive plan does not show this change. The current owner has no commercial plans and would like to be able to have livestock upon completion of a new house on the property. Planning Commission recommended approval of rezoning 6-0-01. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1564; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0111, Special Use Permit-Dish Network-Hammitt Street, and called on David Andrews, Consultant with CMS to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Andrews explained the request would allow Dish Wireless to

install the equipment to offer 5G service to the City, including the downtown area. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-0111; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison provided a update on sales and alcohol tax collection. He also informed the Council that the new fire engine had been delivered and would soon be in use. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Mike Penrod, 805 Halbrooks Road came forward to ask questions about a business license application he had submitted. Burt Brewer, 3501 Hwy. 31 North came forward to complain about suspicious drug activity in his neighborhood.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller