

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
MAY 10, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street NW. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member, Dwight Tankersley 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 Dwight Tankersley, Virginia Alexander 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. Council Member Chuck Gill was absent from 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, April 26, 2022. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1567, a rezoning request for Vest Road, and called on DOD Director Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance, if adopted, would rezone 40 acres (four 10-acre tracts) on Vest Road from R-1 to AG-1. This change is not shown in the current Comprehensive Plan, but the new owner does not have further development plans and wishes to have limited livestock on the property. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1567; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1568, a request for rezoning on Nanceford Road. Mr. Johnson explained the ordinance, if adopted, would rezone 6 acres on Nanceford Road from AG -1 to R-1. The owners are requesting this change in order to divide the property into two tracts, each being less than five acres. This change is in conformance with the current Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0. Council President Thompson declared a public hearing open for comments. No comments were made. Council Member Tankersley motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1568; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1570, an annexation request for Byrd Road, and called on Mr. Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, will annex a single family residence and 2.3 acres on Byrd Road into the City limits. This property is within a priority two annexation area in the current Comprehensive Plan. Public hearing and final consideration are scheduled for the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1570; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1571, zoning the same property on Byrd Road. Mr. Johnson explained this ordinance, if adopted, will zone the property annexed by Ordinance 1570 as R-1. This is an appropriate zoning designation per the current Comprehensive Plan. Public hearing and final consideration

are scheduled for the May 24th meeting. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1571; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0510, ALDOT ATRIP II access management improvements. Mr. Johnson explained the resolution addressed the new LED lighting fixtures on Hwy. 31 NW which would be installed by ALDOT under the ATRIP II transportation funding grant, with the City of Hartselle being the maintaining agency for the new lighting fixtures. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-0510; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider contract with Civic Plus for new website, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained that himself, Council Member Tankersley, Ms. Lee and System Administrator Shawn Woods had participated in a zoom meeting to review the company and were very impressed with the product. The company only builds websites for municipalities government and has many features that will allow citizens to interact with the City through the website functions. He mentioned several other cities in Alabama and in the southeast whose website had been created by the company. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the contract with Civic Plus; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider contract with Engineered Installation Solutions for fitness court installation. Mayor Garrison explained the contract was with the company that would be installing the recently approved fitness court provided through the grant with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The contract amount would be \$25,000.00. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the contract with Engineered Installations Solutions; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, consider update to job descriptions for Parks & Recreation Assistant Director and Sport Coordinator and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss them with the Council. Mrs. Laney reviewed both of the job description changes with the Council and pointed out that they had not been updated in several years. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the updated job descriptions as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, request to declare items surplus for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss them with the Council. The items included several 1990's model trucks, a mig welder, trailer and broken or used concrete pipe. Council Member Doss motioned to approve items surplus for the Public Works Department; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider contract for Chamber of Commerce that had been reviewed at the work session prior to the meeting. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce contract and authorized the Mayor to present it to the Chamber Board; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, personnel update. Mayor Garrison had requested the Council approve the following new full-time positions at the work session prior to the meeting: Police Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve authorizing the three new positions as presented; Council Member Doss 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 recognized the following employees:

Police Captain Robert Finn – 25 year’s service award  
Police Sergeant Tania Burguss – 20 year’s service certificate  
Police Sergeant Michael Hudson – 20 year’s service certificate  
System Administrator Shawn Woods – 20 year’s service certificate  
City Clerk – Controller Rita Lee – 20 years service certificate

Mayor Garrison also read aloud and presented a proclamation to City Clerk – Controller Lee in recognition of Municipal Clerk’s Week. He also recognized DOD Director Johnson who was presented the John Sparkman Citizenship Award by the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting recently. Each Council Member congratulated the employees receiving awards and Mr. Johnson for his recognition by the Chamber. At this time, Mayor Garrison read a proclamation aloud declaring the month of May as Building Safety Month. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Charles Gover came forward to discuss with the Council equipment that he claims was loaned to the City’s Parks and Recreation Department but was recently sold on GovDeals by the City after being declared surplus. After a brief discussion, Council President Thompson informed Mr. Gover that the City would take the matter under advisement. No other comments were made.

At this time, City Attorney Madison requested the Council adjourn the meeting to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation, which he noted was allowed under the Open Meeting Act. Council Member Tankersley motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. and reconvene before 8:00; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The Council, Mayor and City Attorney left the room for the Executive Session.

At 7:47 Council President Thompson called the meeting to order. Council Member Tankersley motioned to settle the Orr dispute in the amount of \$2,788.00 per the agreement drafted by the City Attorney; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Kenny Thompson  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller