

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JUNE 14, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 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.

Police Chief Justin Barley 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, May 24, 2022. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Garrison read aloud a Proclamation honoring the Hartselle High Baseball team, 2022 Alabama School Athletic Association 6A State Champions. He presented the proclamation to Coach William Booth and asked the team members in the audience to come forward for a photo with the Mayor and Council and congratulated the team.

Council Member Chuck Gill joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0614, a request to amend the original Professional Services Agreement with Garver Engineers to include Right of Way Acquisition Services at US Hwy 31 and Vaughn Bridge Road, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the amended agreement would allow the City to contract with Garver Engineers for the design to provide all Right of Way Acquisition services for the intersection improvement project pursuant to the ALDOT agreement. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 22-0614; 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 renewal of agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the contract for consulting services to assist the City in research, real estate analysis and retail recruitment. Council Member Doss asked about the length of the contract, Mayor Garrison confirmed it was for two years. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve renewal of agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC; 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 revised job description for Code Enforcement Officer, and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss with the Council. Ms. Laney reviewed the changes to the job description and asked for the Council's approval. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the revised job description as presented; 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 budget adjustment request for Parks & Recreation and called on Parks & Recreation Director Tom Chappell to discuss with the Council. Mr. Chappell explained they are over budget on expenses for Concession Stand Supplies and would like a budget adjustment of \$25,000.00 to that line

item. Council Member Gill motioned to approve budget adjustment for Parks & Recreation as requested; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer requests for Administration, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the requested transfers as followed:

- \$800.00 from Other Staff Development to Subscriptions & Educational Materials
- \$17.00 from Insurance Expense to Rent & Lease-Land and Buildings
- \$2,400.00 from Furniture & Fixtures to Office Supplies
- \$700.00 from Furniture & Fixtures and \$600.00 from Insurance Expense to Training & Education for Court.

Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget transfers for Administration 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, to consider an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Larry McGhee to the Parks & Recreation Board; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the last item on the agenda, to consider an appointment to the CBD Board. Council Member Doss motioned to reappoint Lee Greene Jr. to the CBD Board; 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 recognized the following employees and presented them with certificates to recognize their accomplishments:

Police Dept. Criminal Investigator Lieutenant Alan McDearmond - FBI Academy recent graduate
Police Officer Sean Persall SRO at Hartselle Junior High – 15 years’ service
Fire Dept. Acting Lieutenant Craig Knox- 15 years’ service
Public Works Sanitation Crew Leader Roger Aldridge – 15 years’ service
Police Patrol Officer Lucas Hogan – 15 years’ service

Mayor Garrison also shared the recent sales tax numbers with the Council, announced the City had taken proposals for the architect for the new library that were being reviewed and would be presented for a vote at the June 28th meeting. He also stated a location for the Fire Department was being discussed and asked for the Council’s feedback on a location for the Events Center. He shared that he would be attending an economic development conference at Point Clear in July and invited Council members to join him if interested. He also asked that everyone remember Public Works Director Curtis Self in their prayers as he is recovering from recent treatments for cancer. Council Members Tankersley, Doss, Alexander and Council President Thompson thanked all the employees that were recognized for their service and congratulated the baseball team on their accomplishment.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller