

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 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.

Senator Arthur Orr 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, Chuck Gill, 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. 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, September 13, 2022. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson asked Senator Arthur Orr to come forward. Senator Orr presented a check to the William Bradford Huie Library of Hartselle in the amount of \$7,000.00. He stated he was presenting funds to all the libraries across Morgan County. He also mentioned he was glad to see the ATRIP2 project moving ahead for Hartselle and stated he was always available to help the City with any needs that may arise, just let him know.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 22-0927, AEMA (Alabama Emergency Management Agency) Division F Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution, which was forwarded to the City from NARCOG, was part of the FEMA approved plan and must be adopted by all jurisdictions to be FEMA approved. It recognizes development and implementation of a hazard mitigation action plan can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 22-0927; 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, Resolution 22-0927A, a revision of fees for City services. Mayor Garrison presented the resolution and stated the changes to fees covered various departments that had contacted other cities as shown on the exhibit attached to the resolution. He stated the changes would update the fees that the City charges for services, some that had not been changed in many years. Some charges such as fees for building re-inspections were new but necessary to help cover cost of those services. Council Member Gill asked a few questions about the fees, after a brief discussion between him, City Attorney Madison and Mayor Garrison, Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-0927A; 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 a Special Event Permit for a Trunk or Treat for Hartselle First United Methodist Church. Mayor Garrison explained Hartselle First United Methodist Church would like to have a Trunk or Treat event on October 30, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and has requested to close Hammitt Street from Hickory Street to Short Street. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Special Event Permit for Trunk or Treat for Hartselle First United Methodist Church as presented; Council Member Gill 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 authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Sain Associates for a pavement maintenance plan. Mayor Garrison explained the pavement maintenance plan will consist of two primary tasks: the evaluation of current pavement conditions and developing a seven (7) year plan for pavement maintenance and reminded the Council the cost was included with the CIP budget for the year. The Mayor noted that City Attorney Madison had not signed off on the contract, pending a couple of changes he wanted to the wording. Council Member Tankersley motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Sain Associates pending the final approval of City Attorney Madison; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the last item on the agenda, to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Game Day Athletic Surfaces, Inc., for capital projects for Parks & Recreation and authorize the use of the 2021A Bond proceeds to cover the cost of \$156,530.00. Council Member Doss motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Game Day Athletic Surfaces, Inc.; 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 thanked the Council for passing the FY2023 budget and thanked Ms. Lee and all department heads and staff that worked on the budget and projected a good year ahead. He also gave an update on the Parks & Recreation lighting project, on locating property for the new Fire station, and mentioned the issue that had been determined for the intended location for the new Library. City Attorney Madison mentioned he would be starting his 30th year with the City in October and expressed his gratitude at being able to serve. Ms. Lee thanked Mr. Madison for his service and mentioned how fortunate the City was to have him to offer legal advice and guide the City on all legal affairs big or small. Mayor Garrison expressed his thanks as well. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Billy Joe Dodd, Elm Street, came forward to inquire what Cullman Regional was building north of the City. Jewel Allen, Penny Lane came forward to ask what could be done about reducing the violence, repairing sidewalks and possibly building a park in the southern part of the City. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller