

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

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 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 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. Council Member Dwight Tankersley 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, September 27, 2022. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1578, annexation of 19.37 acres Cain Park Subdivision Phase II, and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will annex 19.37 acres east of Cain Park subdivision for the planned second phase development. This property is within a priority two annexation area in the current comprehensive plan and no unincorporated island will be created by this annexation. Planning Commission recommended annexation 7-0-1. Council Member Alexander motioned to introduce Ordinance 1578; 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 1579, zoning 19.37 acres Cain Park Subdivision Phase II. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will zone the 19.37 acres annexed by Ordinance 1578 as R-5 (Patio Homes). The current comprehensive plan calls for detached residential use in the area, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of this zoning 7-0-1. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1579; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-1011, a request to accept/reject bids for road relocation of Uncle Herschel Way, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the low bid meeting all specifications was from Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. for \$599,881.00. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 22-1011 and accept the bid as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, a budget adjustment request to authorize an increase of funds for purchase of a ladder truck for the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained he had begun the design phase of the truck build and has determined additional funds are needed that to obtain a ladder truck that will fulfill the needs of the city in the coming future. The department is requesting an additional \$150,000.00 in addition to the previously allocated \$1,600,000.00 for total of \$1,750,000.00 to be paid from the ARP Funding authorized under Resolution 22-0823. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment for Fire Department as presented; 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 declaring items surplus for Parks & Recreation, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss with the Council. Mr. Self explained Parks & Recreation has deemed the following equipment as surplus: 1994 Chevrolet Cheyenne VIN # 0896 and 1997 Ford F 150 VIN # 0091. Council Member Gill motioned to approve declaring the items surplus for Parks & Recreation; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to discuss changing date for first meeting in November due to two Council Members and the Mayor being out of town for a conference. Council Member Doss motioned to approve November 15th as the meeting date for the second meeting in November; Council Member Alexander 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 Police Lieutenant Linda Fox for 25 years' service with the Police Department and City Attorney Larry Madison for 30 years' service to the City as City Attorney, and presented plaques to them to commemorate their service. Mayor Garrison also announced that sales tax was up again for September. Council Member Gill thanked City Attorney Madison for his dedication and service to the City and to Lieutenant Fox for her many years of service. Council Members Doss and Alexander also thanked both Mr. Madison and Lieutenant Fox for their service. City Attorney Madison thanked everyone for the recognition and expressed his pleasure at being able to service the City in the capacity of City Attorney. Mrs. Lee and Council President Thompson each expressed their appreciation to Mr. Madison and Lieutenant Fox as well. No other comments were made.

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

There being no further comments from the audience, Mayor Garrison asked that the Council consider adjoining to an executive session to discuss a retail project. As required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act, City Attorney Larry Madison certified that this was an appropriate subject for executive session under item #6 of the OMA to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease or market value of real property. Council President Thompson announced that the Council would adjourn to executive session and would return in approximately fifteen minutes. The Council adjourned at 7:21 P.M. The executive session was held, and the Council returned and resumed the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Council President Thompson asked for a motion concerning the matter as discussed in the executive session. Council Member Doss motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent, after the review of the City Attorney, with an affiliate of Retail Strategies, Retail Specialists, for a possible bond issue related to a retail sales development to be located in the City; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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