

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Randy Garrison gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Doss moved to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of October 11, 2022; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing and final consideration concerning Ordinance No. 1578, which proposed the annexation of 19.37 acres in Cain Park Subdivision Phase II. City Planner, Jeremy Griffith, summarized the ordinance. Council President Thompson then called a public hearing into session and, there being no comments from the audience or otherwise, Council Member Tankersley moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Doss. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council Member Doss then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1578, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda, proposed Ordinance No. 1579, was also explained to the Council by City Planner, Jeremy Griffith, as an amendment to the zoning ordinance providing a zoning district for the property annexed by Ordinance No. 1578. Council President Thompson then opened a public hearing and, there being no public or other comment, Council Member Doss moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council Member Alexander then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1579, seconded by Council Member Doss. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Having addressed all unfinished business, Council President Thompson then called to move on to new business. The first order of business was Ordinance No. 1561, which proposed amendments to the Solid Waste and Collection Ordinance (Hartselle City Code Section 78-41, et. seq.). Public Works Director Curtis Self explained the contents of the ordinance to the Council. The amendment primarily addressed matters such as waste containment and collection procedures and included a new section to provide that the Mayor could declare emergencies in natural disaster situations in order to facilitate more efficient clean up and giving him authority to enact emergency policies relating to collection, scheduling of pick ups and other matters. After Mr. Self answered questions from the Council, Council Member Alexander moved to suspend the rules so as to allow immediate consideration of the ordinance for adoption, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. Thereupon, Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Council Member Alexander then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1561, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. Council Member Tankersley queried Mr. Self further as to the emergency powers afford to the Mayor by the ordinance and Mr. Self answered his questions. Council President Thompson then called for a vote and the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1561 carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was proposed Resolution 22-1025, which would make changes to the City's personnel policies, specifically concerning the Personnel Board, probationary periods and the nepotism policies. Human Resources Director Melee Laney gave a detailed explanation as to the provisions of the proposed resolution. At the conclusion of her presentation, Council Member Alexander moved to adopted Resolution No. 22-1025, seconded by Council Member

Gill. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was a request from the Police Department for a special event permit for a "Trunk or Treat" to be held in conjunction with Halloween on the property where the old Municipal Building and Police Department are situated. Police Chief Justin Barley addressed the Council and explained the details of the request. After several questions from the Council were answered and much discussion concerning adequacy of parking and other matters, particularly questions from Council Member Gill as to what areas would be blocked off so as to assure safety of participants, Council Member Doss moved to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Tankersley. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of a special event permit for LifeChurch for a New Year's Eve "Ball Drop" party at its location on Main Street in the City. A representative of the Church, Joyce Bryant, addressed the Council and answered their questions. Council Member Gill then moved to grant the request for a special event permit, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The final item on the agenda was the matter of year end budget transfers for fiscal year 2022 with regard to the General Fund and other City funds. The Mayor explained the request to the Council and answered their questions. Council Member Tankersley then moved to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Doss. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

There being no more regular business to come before the Council, Council President Thompson announced that the City is accepting applications for two expired, four-year term positions on the Library Board and one un-expired term of six years on the Personnel Board. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall or on the City's website. Applications or resumes must be turned into the City Clerk's Office or email by Friday, November 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Council President Thompson then called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and City Attorney. There were none, except that the Mayor expressed his gratitude to the Fire Department for responding quickly to a fire alarm at his residence while he was away. He thanked them for their service and expressed his appreciation. Also, Council Member Gill had a question about entrances and exists to the subdivision extension which is proposed to be built on the property annexed by Ordinance No. 1561. There was discussion among staff and Council Members on the matter.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Tankersley moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Doss. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller