

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street NW. Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Curtis Self gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: 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. Council President Kenny Thompson was absent from the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 25, 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 Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1580, rezoning 32.4 acres on Mountainview Road, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, it will rezone 32.4 acres on Mountainview Road from R-5 to R-3. The owner is making this request in order to market the property for multi-family apartment development. The current comprehensive plan proposed a mixture of R-4 and R-1 uses at this location. It was rezoned in its entirety to R-5 earlier this year, but patio home development plans did not materialize. This item is scheduled for public hearing and final consideration at the 11/22 meeting. Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested R-3 rezoning 5-1. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1580; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Mr. Johnson to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-1115, to formally accept the street and drainage improvements within Foxridge Phase 2. Mr. Johnson explained that excluded from this acceptance is the top asphalt surface, for which the city is holding a performance bond. The city attorney has authorized acceptance of the improvements, less this incomplete item, which will be considered by the City Council for acceptance at a later date. The developer is requesting waiver of the typically-required 12 month warranty bond on these improvements since they have been constructed and in use by the public for more than 12 months. Planning Commission recommended approval of this acceptance 7-0. Mr. Johnson also informed the Council that the city had engaged two engineering firms to give an opinion on the pavement, both having concluded that the asphalt does not meet the ALDOT standard specifications for longevity. After a brief discussion, Council Member Gill motioned to table Resolution 22-1115; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-1115A, support for freestanding emergency department by Cullman Regional Medical Center and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution's intent was to show a formal means of support to Cullman Regional who is currently seeking approval from the Alabama Certificate of Need Board to locate a freestanding emergency department in the City of Hartselle. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 22-1115A; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 22-1115B, to accept/reject bid for janitorial services, and called on City Clerk Rita Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee explained due to the recent contract cancellation by the company holding a three-year janitorial contract with the City, bids were requested as required by state law. With only one bid being received, she had negotiated with the company submitting the bid and recommend the revised bid of \$3,000.00 per month being accepted for janitorial services at City Hall, Library, Police Department, Public Safety Building and the Civic Center. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 22-1115B; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, to consider an alcohol license for Houchens Food Group Inc. dba Hometown Market # 34. The application is for retail beer (off premises only) and retail table wine (off premises only). The Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) had reviewed the application and recommended the license be granted. Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley declared a public hearing open for comments. None were made. Council Member Gill motioned to close the public hearing; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the alcohol license Houchens Food Group Inc. dba Hometown Market # 34; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Mayor Garrison to discuss the next item on the agenda, to consider a contract with SouthCon for lighting materials for Parks & Recreation. Mayor Garrison explained this proposal includes materials to light the fields, courts and parking areas at Sparkman Park, Walker Fields and future Pickleball Courts. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the contract with SouthCon; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, request to approval the quarterly Safety Awards Winners. Mr. Johnson came forward to present the Safety Awards Winners from each department. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Safety Awards Winners as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider revision of job description for Traffic Technician, 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 Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the last item on the agenda, to consider two (2) Library Board appointments. He explained there were two (2) vacancies on the board and the city had received two (2) applications for the positions. Council Member Alexander motioned to re-appoint Kathleen Stapleton and also appoint Terry Avery; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison presented Council Member Alexander her certification of completion for the Economic Development Academy with the Alabama League of Municipalities. Council Members voiced their support for Cullman Regional and the push to bring a freestanding emergency room to the City. No other comments were made.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked for comments from the audience. Jennifer Malone with Cullman Regional came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for their support. No other comments were made.

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

Dwight Tankersley  
Council President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller