

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 9, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, inside the Assembly Room at the Hartselle Municipal Building, located at 611 Chestnut Street NW. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Council Member Virginia Alexander 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, were also present for the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Kenny Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. 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 Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1602, amending code section 10 (ten) related to “keeping of fowl” to clarify language and called on City Planner Jeremy Griffith to discuss with the Council. Mr. Griffith explained this ordinance is for introduction only, and if adopted, will amend section 10 (ten) of the Code of Ordinances (related to the keeping of fowl) in order to clarify that the keeping of chickens (or any other fowl) is permitted only in the AG-1 zone. The current wording of certain sections, if read out of context, can be interpreted to mean that restrictions only apply with a certain distance of dwelling. The amendment is intended to remedy that confusion. Council Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1602; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Ordinance 1603, amending Ordinance 1155 to amend time limits for recovery of expenses provided to comply with current state law for Police and Fire Departments, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained the new ordinance would mirror the state law, which was amended last year, to increase the time period for recovery of expenses from two (2) to three (3) years to recover training costs if an employee left the City’s employment and was employed by another state law enforcement agency. Council Member Tankersley motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1603; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and results were as follows:

Council President Thompson	Yes
Council Member Tankersley	Yes
Council Member Gill	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Doss	Yes

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Doss motioned to adopt Ordinance 1603; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 24-0109, to approve the use of ARP Funds for billboard removal, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison requested that ARP Funds be used to pay Lamar Signs for the billboard removal from the property on Hwy. 36 that was recently purchased by the City. Under an agreement with Lamar, they are to be paid once the billboard is removed, which was

completed on December 19, 2023. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 24-0109; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, authorize the application for the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program for 2024, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss with the Council. Mr. Self explained he would like to apply for the Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program for 2024 to repair, repave and restripe a portion of Railroad Street from Lovelady Street South to Petain Street minus the section from Main Street to Hickory Street that has been previously paved. Also included in the grant is Barkley Bridge Street from intersection with Nanceford Rd to the end of the City Limits. The total estimated cost of the project is \$410,943.04 and the grant would be in the amount of \$350,000.00, leaving the City with an out of pocket expense of \$60,943.04. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the application for Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program for 2024; 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 items to be declared surplus for the Police Department and called on Chief Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained they had several antennas and handheld radars that has been replaced and a 2020 4 x 6 trailer that is no longer needed. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve items to be declared surplus for the Police Department; Council Member Gill 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 announced it was Law Enforcement Appreciate Day and thanked the Police Chief and Police Department for their dedication to the City and it's citizens. He also announced the dedication of the Downtown Greenspace on January 24th at 10:00 and noted Senator Arthur Orr would be in attendance All Council Members thanked the Police Department and Chief as well for their dedication and service. No other comments were made.

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 7:14 p.m.

Kenny Thompson – Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller