

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 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.

Pastor Nathan Green 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 Thompson declared the proceedings open for business.

Council President Thompson called for approval of the minutes of the work session held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0228, a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services agreement with Skipper Consulting, Inc. for Hwy 31 NW for a traffic impact study, and called on Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the traffic study will be at the intersection of Hwy 31 and Longhorn Pass to promote future traffic safety at the location, and to plan for future traffic impact as traffic counts increase. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0228; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0228A, a request to approve an updated Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Laney reviewed the updated Drug and Alcohol Policy changes and asked for the Council's approval. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 23-0228A; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer for the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained he is requesting a transfer from Supplies (01-202-5508) to IT (01-101-5600) for \$797.97 to purchase an iPad for his department which was not budgeted by the IT department for this fiscal year. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for the Fire Department; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson recognized Police Chief Justin Barley, who asked Mayor Garrison to come forward to swear in new certified Police Officers Candice Crutchfield from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Britt Parker from the Morgan County Sheriff Department. Chief Barley then administered the Police Department oath of office as well and welcomed them to the City. Chief Barley announced Officer Chuck Porter had been recently promoted to Police Sergeant, he administered the Police oath of office and asked Sergeant Porter's wife Amanda to come forward to place the sergeant insignia on his uniform and

congratulated him.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor Garrison announced the birth of his new granddaughter Olivia. He along with all the Council Members, City Attorney and City Clerk - Controller welcomed and congratulated the new officers as well as Sergeant Porter on his promotion. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Stan Curnel, Springdale Drive, came forward to address the Council about his request to have a turn signal at Hayes Street and Hwy. 31. He also mentioned he would like to see the Council meetings broadcast on YouTube and the agenda be posted on the website as well as the minutes on a timelier basis. No other comments were made.

There being no further comments from the audience, and as required by Alabama Open Meetings Act, City Attorney Larry Madison certified that the Mayor's request for an executive session to discuss the purchase of property and a development incentive did meet the guidelines to call a session if the Council chose to do so. Council Member Doss motioned to adjourn to executive session and reconvene in twenty minutes at 7:40 p.m.; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council President Thompson announced that the Council would adjourn to executive session.

Council President Thompson reconvened the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Council Member Gill motioned to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an amount, as discussed in the executive session, for the purchase of the proposed property; 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 8:23 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller