

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
APRIL 25, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 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.

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 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. 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 work session meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0425, accept or reject bids for TAPSU-TA21 (921) Downtown Sidewalk Improvements, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison informed the Council that the low bid meeting all specifications was from Cypress Contracting, LLC for \$749,636.00. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0425 and award the project to Cypress Contracting LLC; 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, Resolution 23-0425A, a request to update the Personnel Policy No. 490-Compensation Pay Policy, and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss with the Council. Ms. Laney reviewed the changes to the policy she was requesting changing the promotional increase from 5% to 10%, changing the policy for Instructor Pay and adding Public Works CLD as a training position eligible for Instructor Pay. She informed the Council that the Personnel Board as well as the City Attorney had approved the changes. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 23-0425A; 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 budget adjustment for repairs to the Splash Pad and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison informed the Council the Splash Pad was inoperable at this time. The total estimated cost of repairs is \$16,906.40. Mayor Garrison reminded the Council that the City was holding \$15,306.32 in funds donated to the City when the SNAP Playground was complete for future maintenance of the facility. He suggested those funds be used toward the repairs with the remainder to be paid from the Building and Grounds Maintenance line item from Parks & Recreation. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget adjustment as presented for the Splash Pad repairs; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider a request for a LSTA Grant Match (2024) approval for the Library.

Mayor Garrison explained the City and Library Board are requesting to apply for a \$9,000.00 grant (\$7,200.00) with the City's match of \$1,800.00. The grant would be used to expand the DVD resources of the library and create a gaming library. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the LSTA Grant Match; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed next item on the agenda, a request to declare items surplus for the Fire Department and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox explained he would like to declare (24) 100ft x 5in sections of supply hose surplus. This hose has reached its manufacture life span of 10 years, which is NFPA's replacement period of fire hose. He explained the hose has been replaced by new hose and that the Fire Department will turn couplings into scrap metal and destroy rubber hose at the Landfill. Council Member Doss motioned to approve items surplus as requested; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked Chief Fox to address the next on the agenda, a request for a budget transfer for the Fire Department. Chief Fox explained he is requesting a budget transfer of \$100.00 from Supplies line item (01-202-5508) to Postage line item (01-202-5505) to cover postage for the remainder of the year. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer 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 a request for a budget transfer for the Police Department and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained he is requesting \$3,000.00 from Minor Equipment (01-201-5503) to Supplies and Equipment (01-201-5508) to cover the cost of ammunition for the department. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer for Police Department; Council Member Doss 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) appointments to the CBD Design Review Board. Council Members discussed the openings and asked for guidance on the residency requirements. Council Member Gill stated he thought some individuals interested in applying were given incorrect information so he motioned to keep the four (4) applications received open for consideration but reopen the application period for three (3) days until Friday, April 28; Council Member Alexander 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 a plaque and certificate to Mr. Frank Gurney for 35 years of service on the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the City and thanked him for his many years of service. Mayor Garrison also gave an update on the park field lighting project for the City and the Downtown Walk Way project. Mayor Garrison also recognized some foreign exchange students that were attending the Council meeting to observe local government in this country. Council Members thanked Mr. Gurney for his years of service and welcomed the exchange students. City Attorney Madison mentioned to the Council that he and the Police Chief would be working on a revision to the speed limit ordinance in the near future as it pertains to school zones. No other comments were made.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked for comments from the audience. Mr. Phillip Harris, 1800 Peach Orchard Road, came forward to thank the Council and the Police Chief for taking care of a problem in his neighborhood that he had previously attended a Council meeting to ask their help with. Police Chief Barley came forward to share details of a recent arrest involving a domestic abuse case, from out of state, that was solved due to the City having the flock cameras that capture tag numbers. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Dwight Tankersley
Council President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller