

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
MAY 23, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 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.

Council Member Chuck Gill gave the invocation. Mayor Randy Garrison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Pro-Tempore Dwight Tankersley, Council Members 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 due to illness. 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, May 9, 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 Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0523, a revision to Personnel Policy 490 Compensation to allow for discounted food purchases for seasonal part-time employees of Parks & Recreation, and called on HR Administrator Melee Laney to discuss it with the Council. Ms. Laney explained as part of their total compensation package, seasonal part-time Aquatic Center employees and other seasonal part-time concession stand employees shall be allowed to purchase food and beverage items at the Aquatic Center and other City operated concession stands at a discount of 50% below the prices charged to the general public. This provision is applicable only to those employees who are not allowed to leave the premises and have no designated lunch period during their working hours. The discounted prices are only allowable to such employees during their regular work shift. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 23-0523; 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 23-0523A, a request to apply for ALDOT FY2024 TAP Grant, and called Director of Development Jeff Johnson to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained the City would like to apply for the ALDOT FY2024 TAP Grant to rehabilitate and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks along Bethel Street and Bethel Road. He explained the TAP Grant Ceiling is \$1,000,000.00 and the program requires a cash match of at least 20% of eligible project cost. The City would be required to make the 20% cash match as well as all costs associated with engineering design administrative services. Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 23-0523A; 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 23-0523B, to accept or reject bids for HDPE pipe for Public Works, and called on Public Works Director Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self informed the Council that a total of three (3) bids were received and the low bid meeting all specifications was from J & G Culverts, Inc. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0523B and award the bid to J & G Culverts, Inc.; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a budget transfer request from the Fire Department, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss it with the Council. Chief Fox explained he is requesting a budget transfer to cover the additional

cost in Training and Education to cover the cost of additional new hires. He requested \$6,450.00 from Worker's Comp and \$2,000.00 from Vehicle Maintenance to Training & Education for a total of \$8,450.00. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer for Fire Department; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer request from the Public Works Department, and called on Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained he would like to request a transfer of \$30,000.00 from Sanitation Containers Expense to Landfill Vehicle Maintenance. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the budget transfer for Public Works; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley addressed the last item on the agenda, to consider a budget adjustment request from the Police Department to the State Capital Improvement Fund, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss it with the Council. Chief Barley explained the HVAC system for the south end of the Public Safety Building went out recently and that the unit is 19 years old, freon is very difficult to find and costly, it was recommended that the unit be replaced at a cost of \$26,500.00 with an additional cost of \$1,000.00 for a crane. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget transfer request from State Capital Improvement Fund for the Police Department; Council Member Gill 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 read aloud and presented a proclamation to City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee in recognition of Municipal Clerk's Week, which was May 1-5, and thanked her for her dedication and selfless service to the City. Mayor Garrison then presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Mr. Bill King for 35 years of service on the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for the City and thanked him for his many years of service. Mayor Garrison also presented Hartselle Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Phillip Kelso a commemorative plaque for his 26 years of service to the City. Mayor Garrison also presented a certificate of appreciation to Hartselle Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Hemming for his 20 years of service to the City. Mayor Garrison then presented City Planner Jeremy Griffith a certificate of appreciation for his 20 years of service to the City and thanked him for his dedication to the Department of Development. Mayor Garrison also gave updates on a few projects. Each Council Member and City Attorney thanked all those that were presented certificates and plaques for their service and dedication to the City. No other comments were made.

Council President Pro-Tempore Tankersley asked for comments from the audience. Lupi Patel, 1001 Main Street, requested the Council consider revising the alcohol ordinance for the distance requirements from 500 feet to 300 feet that pertains to the legal requirements of distance for sale of liquor from a church or school. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dwight Tankersley
Council President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller