

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JUNE 27, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Curtis Self gave the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson and Council Members Virginia Alexander, Ken Doss, Chuck Gill and Dwight Tankersley. Also present were Mayor Randy Garrison and City Attorney, Larry Madison, who also acted as Secretary in the absence of City Clerk/Controller, Rita S. Lee. Having a quorum present, the President declared the proceedings open for business.

The first order of business was consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on June 13, 2023. Council Member Doss moved to dispense with the reading of, and to approve the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Thompson next called for a public hearing for commentary on Ordinance No. 1589, which, as explained by City Planner Jeremy Griffith, would annex a certain parcel of property on Peach Orchard Road. There being no public commentary, Council Member Tankersley moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Doss. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council President Thompson then called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1589. Council Member Doss moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Gill. The motion carried unanimously.

President Thompson then called for a public hearing for commentary on Ordinance No. 1590, which, as explained by City Planner Jeremy Griffith, would provide for the zoning of the property annexed by Ordinance No. 1589. There being no public comment, Council Member Gill moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Council Member Doss moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was consideration for an agreement between the City of Hartselle and Hartselle Utilities regarding a proposed electric vehicle charging station on City property at the old Post Office parking lot location. Mayor Garrison explained the agreement to the Council and indicated that City Attorney Larry Madison had approved it after working with Hartselle Utilities attorney, David Langston. Council Member Alexander moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member Gill. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was consideration of a special events permit for the Serve Day Pep Rally, which is presented by the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Garrison explained the request to the Council. Thereupon, Council Member Gill moved to approve the application, seconded by Council Member Alexander. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Next on the agenda was a request for a special events permit for "Dog Daze of Summer" dog parade, which is also presented by the Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Garrison explained the route to the Council and asked that Captain Finn of the Hartselle Police Department also address them. Captain Finn expressed concerns about the length of time that Sparkman Street and others would need to be closed on a busy Saturday. Development Director Jeff Johnson expressed the same concerns. There was considerable discussion about alternatives. It was determined that the Police Department and the Mayor would contact the Chamber to discuss alternative routes and closings and no action was taken on the matter at this meeting. It was the consensus of the Council that there was sufficient time to act on it at the next regular meeting of the Council after discussions for revising the plan could be taken up with the Chamber.

The next item on the agenda was comments from the Mayor, Council Members and City Attorney. City Attorney Madison indicated to the Council that he had two matters to discuss with them, both of which were appropriate for consideration in an Executive Session. He specifically stated on the record that each matter concerned imminently threatened litigation, or Council action, which, if taken, could lead to imminent litigation. Thereupon, Council Member Tankersley moved to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Doss. The Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session. It was announced that the Council would not reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The Executive Session was held, lasting approximately thirty minutes, after which the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

By: Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller