

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JULY 11, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 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.

Public Works Director Curtis Self 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 Member 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, June 27, 2023. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1592, which would amend the City's current ordinance for peddlers and solicitors in order to regulate home solicitation and to safeguard the citizens of the City. City Attorney Larry Madison went over the ordinance in detail with the Mayor and Council. After discussion and questions from the Council Members that were answered by Mr. Madison, Member Gill motioned to introduce Ordinance 1592; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0711, a request to the Morgan County Commission for an appropriation to the William Bradford Huie Library and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the City is seeking an appropriation of funds from the County Commission to assist with operation, maintenance and services provided by the library. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0711; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0711A, a request to the Morgan County Commission for an appropriation to the Hartselle-Morgan County Airport. Mayor Garrison explained the Airport Board is seeking an appropriation of funds to assist with operation, maintenance and services provided by the Airport. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0711A; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, to consider Special Event Permit from the American Legion for Spring Fling Car Show to be held in the Sparkman Park/Aquatic Center parking lot. Mayor Garrison explained the American Legion has previously sought approval for the event, but it was rained out. The group would like to reschedule the event with a car show and live entertainment and three (3) food trucks at the Sparkman Park Aquatic Center parking lots on August 12, 2023. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Hartselle Spring Fling Car Show; 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 Special Event Permit for the 13th Annual Hartselle Area Veterans' Parade. Mayor Garrison explained Mr. Lee Y. Greene is requesting a Special Event Permit to have a Veterans' Parade on November 11, 2023. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for the 13th Annual Hartselle Area Veterans' Parade; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried

by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson asked Mayor Garrison to address the next item on the agenda, Special Event Permit for the Dog Daze of Summer Dog Parade. Mayor Garrison explained the issues that were raised at the previous meeting had been discussed by representatives from the Police Department and Public Works with the Chamber of Commerce noting the road closure of the intersection of Hickory and Sparkman Streets would only be for 15 minutes for the parade to the Depot and 15 minutes for the return. The event is scheduled for July 15, 2023 at Earth Park. Council Member Gill motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for the Dog Daze of Summer Dog Parade as recommended by the Police Department and Public Works; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider budget transfer request for Public Works, and called on Director of Public Works Curtis Self to discuss it with the Council. Mr. Self explained he would like to transfer \$500.00 from Landfill Building & Grounds to Landfill Engineering to cover additional cost for the engineering study for the scheduled landfill ADEM permit. 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 Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider a budget adjustment request from State Capital Improvement Fund, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss it with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the HVAC system for the baseball field concessions and press box had to be replaced a few weeks back with short notice. The Mayor gave the ok to perform the work with the cost of \$6,400.00 being paid from the State Capital Improvement Funds. We are asking the Council to approve the expenditures, but if not approved, the funds can come from the Parks & Rec line item for Building and Grounds and the State Capital Fund be reimbursed. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the budget adjustment to the State Capital Improvement Funds; Council Member Doss 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 introduced new Parks & Recreation Director Jerry Smith to the Council and welcomed him to Hartselle. He also gave an update on the purchase of property on Hwy. 36 by the City and informed the Council that Lamar Signs has agreed to move the billboard in question if allowed to place one at a different location within the City and the City pay them \$50,000.00 After a brief discussion, Council Member Tankersley motioned to allow the Mayor to negotiate with the company for two billboard spots in place of the cash payment; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Each Council member welcomed Mr. Smith to the City and stated they were looking forward to working with him. It being Council President Kenny Thompson's birthday, the audience sang Happy Birthday to him! No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Mr. Jason Gonella, 417 Crescent Dr. SW, asked questions concerning the ordinance introduced for home solicitation. Mr. Josh Melson, with Congressional Dale Strong's, office introduced himself and ask the Mayor and Council to let him know if the Congressman's office could be of any help to the City. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.

Kenny Thompson, Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller