

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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.

Council Member Dwight Tankersley 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, Virginia Alexander and Ken Doss. Mayor Randy Garrison and City Clerk-Controller Rita S. Lee, who also acted as Secretary, were also present for the meeting. Council Member Chuck Gill and City Attorney Larry Madison were absent from 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, August 22, 2023. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0912, authorize use of American Rescue Plan Fund (ARP) funds for purchase of property, and called on Fire Chief Daryl Fox to discuss with the Council. Chief Fox is requesting to use funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Fund (ARP) in the amount of \$1,050,000.00, plus the City's share of closing costs, commissions and all associated fees and expenses, for the purchase of property for a new Fire Station, to replace Station One, on Shull Road. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve Resolution 23-0912; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider renewal of the contract with Morgan County Emergency Management Communications District (MCEMCD) for dispatch services, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained this agreement with Morgan County Emergency Management Communicates District (MCEMCD) would continue to provide dispatch services for both the Hartselle Police Department and the Hartselle Fire Department. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the contract with Morgan County Emergency Management Communications District; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider contract with T-Mobile for hotspots for Library patrons, and called on City Clerk-Controller Rita Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee explained the proposal is to contract two (2) hotspots through T-Mobile using the NASPO State Contracting Pricing which is \$29.75 per month for each hotspot for a total of \$59.50 per month, and a total of \$714.00 annually. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve contract with T-Mobile; Council Member Doss 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 approval of the FY2024 General Fund Budget. Mayor Garrison reviewed the FY2024 budget summary that had been discussed in the previous work session. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the FY2024 General Fund Operating Budget only (the CIP Budget to be considered at the next Council meeting); Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider appointments to the Hartselle Utilities Board. He explained there were two (2) vacancies on the board and the

City had received four (4) applications for the positions. Interviews had been conducted during the work session prior to the meeting. After brief discussion, Council Member Tankersley motioned to postpone the appointments until the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appointment to the Personnel Board to fill out an unexpired term. Having received only one application, Council Member Tankersley motioned to appoint Carol Kirby to the Personnel Board; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider an appointment to the Airport Board. Having received only one application, Council Member Alexander motioned to re-appoint Stephen Quattlebaum to the Airport Board; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, Council President Thompson read the following announcements:

The City of Hartselle is accepting applications for positions on the following boards:

- Airport Board, three (3) expired positions, five (5) year terms
- Library Board, one (1) expired position, four (4) year terms

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or on the City's website. Application or resumes must be turned into the City Clerk's office or emailed by Friday, September 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the Mayor, Council Members or City Attorney. Mayor thanked everyone that worked on the budget and explained he hopes to have information for Parks & Recreation capital needs to be discussed at the next work session. He also thanked all the City departments that helped the Chamber with the Depot Days festival. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Courtney Jones, 818 Nanceford Road, came forward to ask the Council to allow backyard chickens in the city limits. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Kenny Thompson – Council President

ATTEST:

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Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller