

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 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.

Council Member Virginia Alexander 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, 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, September 12, 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 Thompson addressed the first item on the agenda, Ordinance 1598, school zone speed limits, and called on Police Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley explained he had worked closely with City Attorney Madison to update the existing ordinance to provide a method of establishing or altering school zones and school zone speed limits and effective times, ratifying present speed limits and declaring violations unlawful and providing penalties. Council Member Doss motioned to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 1598; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. Council President Thompson called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Council President Thompson	Yes
Council Member Tankersley	Yes
Council Member Gill	Yes
Council Member Alexander	Yes
Council Member Doss	Yes

Council Member Alexander motioned to adopt Ordinance 1598; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, Resolution 23-0926, authorize Mayor to apply for FY2024 Airport Improvement Funding, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison explained the resolution would allow the City to apply for state matching funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for an airport improvement project at the Hartselle Morgan County Regional Airport during FY2024. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 23-0926; 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 CIP Budget and Other Funds Budget. Mayor Garrison reviewed the CIP Budget that had been discussed in detail during the work session prior to the meeting. City Clerk – Controller Lee had also discussed the Other Funds Budget during the work session as well. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the FY2024 CIP Budget and all Other Funds Budget; 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 year end budget adjustments for FY2023, and called on City Clerk – Controller Lee to discuss with the Council. Ms. Lee quickly reviewed again the year-end adjustments that were also discussed during the

work session. Council Member Gill motioned to approve year end budget adjustment for FY2023; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item on the agenda, to consider renewal of contract with Morgan County Sheriff for Housing Municipal Inmates, and called on Chief Justin Barley to discuss with the Council. Chief Barley reviewed the changes to the contract and noted the increased cost had been included in the budget. He also stated City Attorney Madison had reviewed and approved the contract as well. Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the contract with Morgan County Sheriff for Housing Municipal Inmates; 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 revised job description for Administrative Tech I for Parks & Recreation, and called on Mayor Garrison to discuss with the Council. Mayor Garrison reviewed the changes and asked for the Council's approval. Council Member Gill motioned to approve revised job description for Administrative Tech I for Parks & Recreation; Council Member Tankersley 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. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Ben Peck; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Council Member Doss motioned to appoint Johnnie Howell; Council Member Tankersley 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 recognized Captain Robert Finn who is retiring from the Police Department with almost 27 years of service. Captain Finn came forward to receive a plaque and congratulations from the Mayor, Council, and audience. Following a few months of relaxation Captain Finn will return as a SPO at one of the local elementary schools. Mayor Garrison announced that the City had been awarded an \$800,000.00 TAP Grant for sidewalks on Bethel Road and Bethel Street. He also informed the Council that the Slate property and Housing Authority property purchases had been completed. He also stated the property being donated by Huntsville Hospital was still being worked on and should be completed soon. Council Member Gill congratulated Captain Finn on his retirement. Council Member Tankersley also congratulated Captain Finn and thanked City Clerk – Controller Lee and all the Department Heads and other City employees for their hard work on the budget. Council Member Doss and Council Member Alexander also thanked Captain Finn for his service as well and Ms. Lee and Department Heads for their dedication to prepare the budget. City Attorney Madison, Ms. Lee and Council President Thompson also thanked Captain Finn for his service and dedication to the Police Department. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson asked for comments from the audience. Police Chief Barley came forward to express his concerns with major safety issues surrounding the most recent Depot Days Festival and gave some recommendations for improvements for next year. Stan Curnel, Hartselle, came forward and addressed the Council concerning infrastructure improvements he would like to see on Garner Road and the Hayes Street/Highway 31 intersection. He passed out a document concerning his request to the Mayor and Council. Kevin Beasley, employee of Public Works, came forward to express his concerns with not being paid overtime for Saturday work at the Landfill. After a brief discussion, Council President Thompson directed him to meet with the Mayor and his Department Head to talk over his concerns. No other comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenny Thompson – Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller