MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Randy Garrison gave the invocation. A Boy Scout in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 24, 2017; Council Member Alexander motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for the first item on the agenda, Resolution 17-1114, and asked Jeff Johnson, Director of the Department of Development, to come forward and discuss it with the Council. Mr. Johnson explained that the City had taken proposals for professional services related to the Thompson Road Improvement Project. Wisener, LLC, from Guntersville was the only proposal received and was hereby recommended by DOD. If approved, this resolution would allow the City to enter into agreement with Wisener, LLC as the consultant for all professional services required for the Thompson Road Right-of-Way Acquisition pending the approval of City Attorney Madison. Council Member Gill motioned to approve Resolution 17-1114 as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then asked Mr. Johnson to discuss the next item on the agenda, a budget adjustment from Gasoline Funds. Mr. Johnson was requesting a budget adjustment from Gasoline Funds for $58,011.72 for payment of two outstanding invoices to Reed Contracting for roadway resurfacing on Longhorn Pass, Enslen Street, Morgan Street, Hill Street and Crestline Drive. Council Member Tankersley motioned to approve the budget adjustment as requested; Council Member Gill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next asked Hartselle Police Chief, Ron Puckett, to come forward and discuss his request to declare items surplus. Chief Puckett explained to the Council he was requesting to declare two (2) Colt AR-15 rifles (serial numbers LGC008610032 and LGC008990) as surplus. Chief Puckett also said he was requesting permission to trade the two rifles for four (4) Smith & Wesson M&P AR-15 rifles with Mike’s Gun & Pawn. Council Member Broom motioned to approve declaring the items surplus; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called on Jeremy Griffith, City Planner, to discuss the next item on the agenda. Mr. Griffith presented the 2018 Safe Workplace Guidelines provided by the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund. These guidelines are required to be approved and signed annually to qualify for the associated 10% premium discount toward the City’s worker’s compensation policy. Council Member Gill motioned to authorize Mayor Garrison to sign the 2018 guidelines as presented; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Council President Thompson announced that due to a scheduling conflict, Council Member Broom had submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission effective immediately, leaving an open position for the Council designated appointment. Council President Thompson then called for a motion to fill the position. Council Member Broom motioned to appoint Council
Member Gill to the Planning Commission; Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then called for a motion to change the date of the Council meeting in December, scheduled for Tuesday, December 26th, to Tuesday, December 19th at 9:00 a.m. due to the holiday schedule. Council Member Gill motioned to change the date of the meeting as requested; Council Member Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney. Mayor Garrison mentioned the additional streets that are scheduled to be paved in the City in the near future. He also mentioned that the list of streets to be paved next year was being worked on and asked for any input from the Council on what streets needed paving. Council Member Alexander stated she thought the Veterans Day Parade was very well done and thanked everyone for their hard work to put the event together. Council President Thompson mentioned he had a phone call from a resident requesting sidewalks on Bethel Road, he also thanked a Boy Scout troop for attending the meeting. No other comments were made.

Council President Thompson called for comments from the audience. None were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Gill moved to adjourn; Council Member Tankersley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk/Controller